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Report Highlights:

On February 21, 2024, The Government of Rwanda (GoR) published a new biosafety law providing requirements for the transit and utilization of living modified organisms (LMOs) produced through modern biotechnology techniques. This law enters effect immediately.

Government of Rwanda Passes First Biosafety Law

On February 21, 2024, the Government of Rwanda (GoR) published its first law establishing requirements for the use and transit of living modified organisms (LMOs) derived from modern biotechnology techniques. This includes LMOs created through the application of in vitro nucleic acid techniques, the fusion of cells beyond their taxonomic family, or other techniques not used in traditional breeding that overcome natural physiological reproductive or recombination barriers. The law does not apply to LMOs used as pharmaceuticals for human use.

The requirements of the law come into effect immediately. The full text of the law is attached in English, French, and Kinyarwanda.

Attachments:

[Rwanda Biosafety Law.pdf](#)