

**THE BIOSAFETY (AMENDMENT)
BILL, 2026**

MEMORENDUM

The object of this Bill is to amend the Biosafety Act, so as to —

- (a) revise the composition of the National Biosafety Authority;
and
- (b) provide for matters connected with, or incidental to, the
foregoing.

M. D. KABESHA,
Attorney-General

A BILL

ENTITLED

An Act to amend the Biosafety Act.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia.

Enactment

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Biosafety (Amendment) Act, 2026, and shall be read as one with the Biosafety Act, in this Act referred to as the principal Act.

Short title and commencement
Cap.151

5 (2) This Act shall come into operation on the expiry of the term of office, or removal by the Minister, of the members of the Board holding office prior to the enactment of this Act, after which the Minister shall appoint the members of the Board in accordance with this Act.

10 2. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by the insertion of the following new definition in the appropriate place:

Amendment of section 2

“legally disqualified” means the absence of legal capacity as provided in section of the Mental Health Act.

Cap. 305

15 3. The First Schedule to the principal Act is amended in—
(a) paragraph 1 by the deletion of subparagraphs (1) and (2) and the substitution thereof of the following:

Amendment of First Schedule

(1) The Authority consists of the following part-time members appointed by the Minister:

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- (a) the Chairperson, who shall be a person with knowledge and experience in matters relevant to this Act;
- (b) a representative each from the ministries responsible for 5
- (i) environment; and
- (ii) agriculture;
- (c) a representative of the Attorney-General;
- (d) a representative of an organisation representing farmers; 10
- (e) a representative of the Zambia Chamber of Commerce and Industry;
- (f) a representative of the Zambia Consumer Association;
- (g) a representative of a civil society organisation engaged in agro economy and biodiversity; and 15
- (h) three representatives from non governmental organisations engaged in matters relevant to this Act. 20

(2) The ministries, institutions and organisations referred to in subsection (1) shall nominate their representatives for appointment by the Minister.; and

- (b) paragraph 4(4), by the deletion of the word 25
“five” and the substitution of the word
“seven”.
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