

**BCH COMMON FORMAT**  
**Regional and International Agreements<sup>1</sup>**

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**General Information**

1. Country: <Controlled vocabulary: countries<sup>2</sup>>
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2. Jurisdiction<sup>3</sup>: <Controlled vocabulary: countries<sup>4</sup>> *and/or* <Text entry>
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3. Title of document: <Text entry >

**Legislative Details**

4. Type of document<sup>5</sup>:  
 Bilateral agreement or arrangement  
 Multilateral agreement or arrangement  
 Regional agreement or arrangement
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5. Subject matter (keywords)<sup>6</sup>:  
 All functions pursuant to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety  
 Handling, transport, packaging and identification  
 Intentional introduction into the environment (AIA)  
 LMOs for use as food or feed or for processing  
 Pharmaceuticals  
 Public awareness and participation  
 Transboundary movement (import/export)  
 Transit

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<sup>1</sup> Bilateral, regional and multilateral agreements and arrangements are made available to the BCH in accordance with Article 20, paragraph 3 (b) of the Protocol.

<sup>2</sup> The BCH Controlled Vocabulary for Countries is available at:  
<http://bch.biodiv.org/thesaurus/domain.aspx?domainid=1>

<sup>3</sup> Please provide details of the jurisdiction, which may be several countries from the country list for a multilateral agreement (e.g. *Canada, Mexico and United States*). The same agreement may be registered separately by each participating country.

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<sup>5</sup> Bilateral agreement or arrangement – typically an agreement between two participants  
 Multilateral agreement or arrangement – typically applies to more than two countries  
 Regional agreement or arrangement – typically applies to, and is usually registered on behalf of, a recognized region, such as the European Community.

<sup>6</sup> This section provides keywords relevant to the subject matter addressed to assist in searching for and translation of the record (a full description may be provided elsewhere in the record).

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Contained use  
 Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

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6. LMO categories (keywords)<sup>7</sup>:  All LMOs  
 Human health  
 Animals  
 Fishes  
 Microorganisms  
 Plants  
 Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Objective of document<sup>8</sup>: <Text entry>

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8. Scope of document<sup>9</sup>: <Text entry>

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9. Date of entry into force: <Standard date format: YYYY-MM-DD>

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10. Amendments<sup>10</sup>: <Text entry>

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**Document text**

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11. Official documents available<sup>11</sup>: <Text entry> *and* <Website> *and* <Language>

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<sup>8</sup> Please outline the main objective of the document, e.g. “The objective of this Act is to contribute to ensuring an adequate level of protection in the field of the safe transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms resulting from modern biotechnology that may have adverse effects on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, taking also into account risks to human health, and specifically focusing on transboundary movements.”

<sup>9</sup> Please indicate the scope of the document, e.g. “These regulations apply to the transboundary movement, transit, handling and use of all living modified plants that may have adverse effects on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, taking also into account risks to human health.”

<sup>10</sup> Please indicate if any amendments have been adopted to this document, and provide a cross-reference link if the amendments have been registered as a separate record.

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