

**BCH COMMON FORMAT**  
**Biosafety Laws, Regulations & Guidelines<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>:
- National law
  - National regulation
  - National guideline
  - Regulatory summary
  - Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
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5. Subject matter (keywords)<sup>6</sup>:
- All functions pursuant to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

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<sup>1</sup> Laws, regulations and guidelines for implementation of the Protocol, as well as information required by Parties for implementation of the Advance Informed Agreement Procedure, are made available to the BCH in accordance with Article 20, paragraph 3 (a) of the Protocol.

<sup>2</sup> The BCH Controlled Vocabulary for Countries is available at:  
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<sup>3</sup> Please provide details of the jurisdiction, which may be the entire country from the country list for a national law (e.g. *Denmark*) or a text entry for specific regions within it (e.g. *Scotland and Wales*).

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<sup>5</sup> Guideline – Usually a document that announces the policy an agency intends to implement in future decision-making, or which will otherwise guide the agency in the exercise of its administrative discretion.

Regulation – Usually an act or process of controlling by rule or restriction, having legal force, issued by an administrative agency or a local government.

Law – Usually legislation (a statute) enacted by state government; judicial precedent.

Regulatory summary – A text summary of the national biosafety regulatory framework in place, or being developed in a country.

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- 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
  - 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>:

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

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9. Date of entry into force:

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<sup>7</sup> This section provides keywords relevant to the categories of LMOs addressed to assist in searching for and translation of the record (a full description may be provided elsewhere in the record).

<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."

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<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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<sup>16</sup> Please provide website addresses containing relevant information, and/or attach one or more relevant documents that will be stored in the database for users to download. Relevant information might include a link to an actual decision document on a national website, and/or the reference number of an official publication for a decision, and/or contact details for obtaining further information. A copy of the document text may also be attached and stored in the BCH central database.

<sup>17</sup> The notes field is for your personal use only: you can see it when you edit the record, but it is not visible through search pages.