

In the name of God



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Dear Sir/Madam

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Greetings from Iran!

Reference to Notifications No. 2018-031 dated 5 March 2018, I would like to inform you that according to the Islamic Republic of Iran's Biosafety Law, in Iran we have 3 Competent National Authorities that list of them is as following.

- 1- Agricultural Jihad Ministry
- 2- Health and Medical Education Ministry
- 3- Department of Environment

Each of them has laboratories for detection and identification of Living Modified Organisms. Also in Ministry of Science, Research and Technology there are laboratories in this regard. Therefore these 4 agencies are actively involved in detection and identification of LMOs.

However Iran need more capacity building programs in this field. Also we need Certified Reference Materials (CRMs) for standardization and validation of detection and identification results.

With my best personal wishes.  
Sincerely yours;

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