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CBD Notification 2017-142 - Submission of information requested in decision VIII/17 on Contained Use (Article 6) of LMOs

As per the Biosafety Act of Bhutan 2015, any activities that involve GMO that can reproduce are prohibited and the Act specifically bans the following activities;

- 1. Import of any genetically modified organism capable of reproducing;
- 2. Import any genetically modified biological material capable of reproducing;
- 3. Transit of genetically modified organisms capable of reproducing;
- 4. Intentional introduction into environment of genetically modified organisms capable of reproducing;
- 5. Any use, including contained use, of genetically modified organisms capable of reproducing; and
- 6. Research and development that involves genetically modified organisms capable of reproducing.

As such, practical guidance on specific measures for contained use of Living Modified Organisms that effectively limit their contact with and impact on the external environment is not necessary at this juncture. However we have other guidelines as below to deal with LMOs.

- 1. Risk Assessment of Food and Feed Products Derived from GM plants
- 2. Guidelines for Inspection and Monitoring of GMOs/LMOs
- 3. Guidelines on Environmental Risk Assessment of GM Plants

4. Guidelines for handling applications for GMOs/LMOS and their products

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