



Information on measures for contained use of living modified organisms in the Netherlands

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Please find additional information on measures for the contained use of living modified organisms (LMO) in the Netherlands. The Netherlands refers to LMOs as genetically modified organisms (GMOs).

The Netherlands has implemented EU Directive 2009/41/EC on the contained use of genetically modified micro-organisms as the '[Besluit genetisch gemodificeerde organismen milieubeheer 2013](#)' and the '[Regeling genetisch gemodificeerde organismen milieubeheer 2013](#)' (permanent internet links, available in Dutch only).

In addition to the common measures for the contained use of genetically modified micro-organisms as described in 2009/41/EC:

- The Dutch regulations apply to all GMOs instead of just genetically modified micro-organisms.
- Additional rules exist for gene drive applications under contained use so that all gene drive applications require a permit. Appropriate containment levels will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

The Netherlands Competent Authority for contained use of genetically modified organisms is the [Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management](#). The [Bureau for Genetically Modified Organisms](#) is responsible for processing permit requests.