# RESOLUTION OF THE MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS May 31, 2019 N 12

#### ON THE PROCEDURE FOR WORKING WITH NON-PATHOGENIC GENETICALLY ENGINEERED ORGANISMS

Based on the paragraphs 4, 7 - 9 Article 9 of the Law of the Republic of Belarus of January 9, 2006 "On Safety in Genetic Engineering Activities", point 9 of the Regulation on the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus, approved by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus of June 20, 2013 N 503, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus RESOLVES:

- 1. To approve the Instruction on the procedure for the neutralization of non-pathogenic genetically engineered organisms (attached).
- 2. To amend the following Resolutions of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus:
- 2.1. the Resolution of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus of August 17, 2006 No 49 " On the Order of Notification of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus by a Carrier about Transit through the Territory of the Republic of Belarus of Nonpathogenic Genetically Engineered Organisms ":

The title shall be amended as follows:

"On the Order of Notification about Transit through the Territory of the Republic of Belarus or Import into the Republic of Belarus of Nonpathogenic Genetically Engineered Organisms";

the preamble shall be amended as follows:

"Based on the paragraph 8 of Article 9 of the Law of the Republic of Belarus of January 9, 2006 N 96-3 "On the safety in genetic engineering activities", para. 9 of the Regulation on the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus, approved by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus of June 20, 2013 N 503, Ministry Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus DECIDES:";

The paragraph 2shall be amended as follows:

"Owners of non-pathogenic genetically engineered organisms or persons importing them to the Republic of Belarus, submit to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection the Notice Form in accordance with the application on transit through the territory of the Republic of Belarus or on the import into the Republic of Belarus of non-pathogenic genetically engineered organisms for scientific research without releasing non-pathogenic genetically engineered organisms into the environment for testing (hereinafter - notification); ";

in the paragraph 3 after the word "implementing" add the words "import into the Republic of the Belarus or "; the annex to this Resolution should be redrafted (attached);

2.2. in the Resolution of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus of August 17, 2006 No 50 "On Safety Requirements for Contained Use Systems During Performing Works of the First Risk Level of Genetic Engineering Activities":

the preamble shall be amended as follows:

"Based on the paragraph 4 of Article 9 of the Law of the Republic of Belarus of January 9, 2006 No 96-3 "On Safety in Genetic Engineering Activities", para. 9 of the Regulation on the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus, approved by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus of June 20, 2013 No 503, the Ministry Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus DECIDES: ":

Paragraph 3 shall be amended as follows:

"waste products of genetically engineered organisms, formed as a result of performing works, are neutralized by the method excluding preservation of viable spores, pollen, fruits or seeds, microorganisms in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation; ";

From the 4 paragraph, the word "must" should be deleted;

Paragraph 5 shall be amended as follows:

"to ensure carrying out of works in accordance with the instructions on labor protection for work with non-pathogenic genetically engineered organisms, approved by Legal Entities and Individual Entrepreneurs engaged in genetic engineering activities of the first risk level;";

From the paragraph 6, the word "to conduct" shall be replaced by the word "conduct";

2.3. in the Resolution of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus of August 17, 2006 N 51 "On the Procedure of Accounting by Legal Entities and Individual Entrepreneurs created, Imported into the Republic of Belarus, Exported from the Republic of Belarus and transited through its Territory Non-pathogenic Genetically Engineered Organisms":

the title shall be amended as follows:

"On the Procedure of Accounting by Legal Entities and Individual Entrepreneurs Non-pathogenic Genetically Engineered Organisms Developed and Exported from the Republic of Belarus"

the preamble shall be amended as follows:

"Based on theparagraph 9 of Article 9 of the Law of the Republic of Belarus of January 9, 2006 N 96-3 "On Safety in Genetic Engineering Activities", para. 9 of the Regulation on the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus approved by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus of June 20, 2013 No 503, Ministry Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus DECIDES: ";

from the 2nd paragraph the phrase "imported into the Republic of Belarus," and "and transported in transit through its territory" should be deleted;

from the 3rd paragraph the phrase "import into the Republic of Belarus,", "or transit through its territory" and "the Republic of Belarus" should be deleted;

the Annex to this resolution shall be stated in a new edition (attached).

- 3. To declare invalid the Resolution of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus of August 17, 2006 N 52 "On Approval of the Statute of the Expert Council for Safety of Genetically Engineered Organisms at the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus".
- 4. This resolution shall enter into force on June 29, 2019.

Minister A.P. Khudyk

APPROVED
The Resolution of the Ministry
of Natural Resources and
Environmental Protection of
the Republic of Belarus
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### INSTRUCTION ABOUT THE PROCEDURE FOR THE NEUTRALIZATION OF NON-PATHOGENIC GENETICALLY ENGINEERED ORGANISMS

- 1. The Instruction defines the procedure for the neutralization of non-pathogenic genetically engineered organisms.
- 2. Waste generated during genetically engineering activities (animal corpses, dead plants, microorganisms) and the remains of genetically engineered organisms specified in the first paragraph of the Article 19 of the Law of the Republic of Belarus "On the Safety in Genetic Engineering Activities" (hereinafter genetically engineered organisms) shall be neutralized.
- 3. Genetically engineered organisms, that should be neutralized, are destroyed on equipment for the destruction of such organisms located on the experimental field and the other objects intended for testing and work with non-pathogenic genetically engineered organisms (hereinafter the object).
- 4. Neutralization occurs in the presence of the following representatives:

Legal entity or an individual entrepreneur testing genetically engineered organisms;

National Biosafety Clearing House (with their consent);

The owner of the object.

5. The neutralization of non-pathogenic genetically engineered organisms shall be documented with the Act of Neutralization in the form in accordance with the Annex.

## Annex To the Instruction on the Neutralization of Non-pathogenic Genetically Engineered Organisms

Form

Act of Neutralizatio	on
Name of the genetically engineered organism	
Present at the neutralization of genetically engineered organism:	
(post)	(full name)
Have certified the present act of neutralization of the genetically	engineered organism
(name and location of the object intended	
for testing non-pathogenic genetically engineered organisms	
(region, district, name of the settlement or other territory)	
Basis for neutralization	
Signatures:	
	(signature) (last name, initials)
	(signature) (last name, initials)
	(signature) (last name, initials)

Annex
To the Resolution of the Ministry
of Natural Resources and
Environmental Protection of
the Republic of Belarus
08/17/2006 N 49
(as amended by the Resolution of the Ministry
of Natural Resources and
Environmental Protection of
the Republic of Belarus
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Form

#### **NOTIFICATION**

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(name of the owner of non-pathogenic genetically engineered organisms or the person importing them into the Republic of Belarus, contact phone)
Notify of transit through the territory of the Republic of Belarus / import to the Republic of Belarus of the following non-pathogenic genetically engineered organisms  (Underline whatever applicable):
(whole living organism, dead organism, its parts)
Number and type of vehicle that carries non-pathogenic genetically engineered organisms
Name of the country exporting non-pathogenic genetically engineered organisms
Name of the country importing non-pathogenic genetic engineering organisms (in case of transit through the territory of the Republic of Belarus)
Name of the destination point of entry on the territory of the Republic of Belarus of non-pathogenic genetically engineered organisms
Itinerary of transportation of genetically engineered organisms over the territory of the Republic of Belarus with a description of scheduled long-term stops (more than 3 hours) (in case of transit through territory of the Republic of Belarus)
Description of packages with genetically engineered organisms, their quantity and (or) weight
(signature of the owner or importing person)

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Form

(signature)

Individual entrepreneur