**Existing mechanisms and requirements regarding the contained use of living modified organisms in Bosnia and Herzegovina**

In accordance with operational objective 1.8 of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for the period 2011-2020, which including the contained use of living modified organisms within the context of Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Protocol, we use this oportunity to inform you that Bosnia and Herzegovina yet hasn’t conducted any information or practical experience which are related and also regarding the mechanisms and requirements of use of living modified organisms.

In accordance with the Law on GMOs ("Official Gazette B&H", no. 23/09) and by Implementing regulations, Bosnia and Herzegovina has established the legal procedure for approval and for placing on the market GMO food and feed. In accordance with the abovementioned, so far, it s been for placing on the market one GM soybean (MON-Ø4Ø32-6), which is intended solely for using only as a feed, and which is in accordance with the decision of the European Commission, approved for use also in the European Union.

However, Bosnia and Herzegovina is country in process of access to EU, accordinlly most of our activities relay on EU practice. Bosnia and Herzegovina follows scientific opinions of European Food Safety Authority and harmonizing all procedures with relevant EU procedures, which will be continued also in a future.