

## Obligations for commercial cultivation of genetically modified potatoes

- valid since 2010 for every farmer who grows (or intend to grow) GM potatoes

1. To **inform** about the **intention** to cultivate GM potatoes the user of land parcel, which is located in the distance of 20 m (conventional farmers), respectively 40 m (organic farmers), from land parcel, where he/she has the intention to cultivate GM potatoes, and this has to be done before sowing, at the latest **by 1<sup>st</sup> March** of appropriate calendar year.
2. To keep a minimum **isolation distance** – **3 m** (between rows) and **10 m** (at the edge of the field where the machines rotate) of stands of the GM potatoes from another stand of potatoes which are not genetically modified.
3. To keep a minimum **isolation distance** – **20 m** of stands of the GM potatoes from the stand with organically cultivated potatoes.
4. To **inform** about the **real cultivation** of GM potatoes the user of land parcel, which is located in the distance of 20 m (conventional farmers), respectively 40 m (organic farmers), from land parcel, where he/she cultivates GM potatoes, and this has to be done after sowing, at the latest **by 15 days** from the day of beginning of their cultivation.
5. To **inform in written form** about the **real cultivation** of GM potatoes the **Ministry of Agriculture** (through regional agencies), and this has to be done after sowing, at the latest **by 30 days** from the day of beginning of their cultivation.
6. To **inform in written form** about the **real cultivation** of GM potatoes the **Ministry of Environment** (Department of Environmental Risks), and this has to be done after sowing, at the latest **by 60 days** from the day of beginning of their cultivation.
7. To **label** the final product of GM potatoes as “genetically modified organism” or “genetically modified potatoes”, incl. the unique identifier for GM potatoes Amflora, which is **BPS-25271-9**, and provide this information to the buyer/user of the final product.
8. To **keep data** on cultivation of the GM potatoes for a period of **five years**, in the extent laid down in the Decree No. 89/2006 Coll. on more detailed requirements for cultivation of genetically modified variety (data, which describes the handling of GM potatoes from sowing till the harvest).

### Appropriate regulations:

- The Act No. 252/1997 Coll. on agriculture as amended by the Act No. 441/2005 Coll. and Act No. 291/2009 Coll.
- The Act No. 78/2004 Coll. on the use of genetically modified organisms and genetic products as amended by the Act No. 346/2005 Coll.
- Regulation (EC) No 1830/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2003 concerning the traceability and labelling of genetically modified organisms and the traceability of food and feed products produced from genetically modified organisms and amending Directive 2001/18/EC