

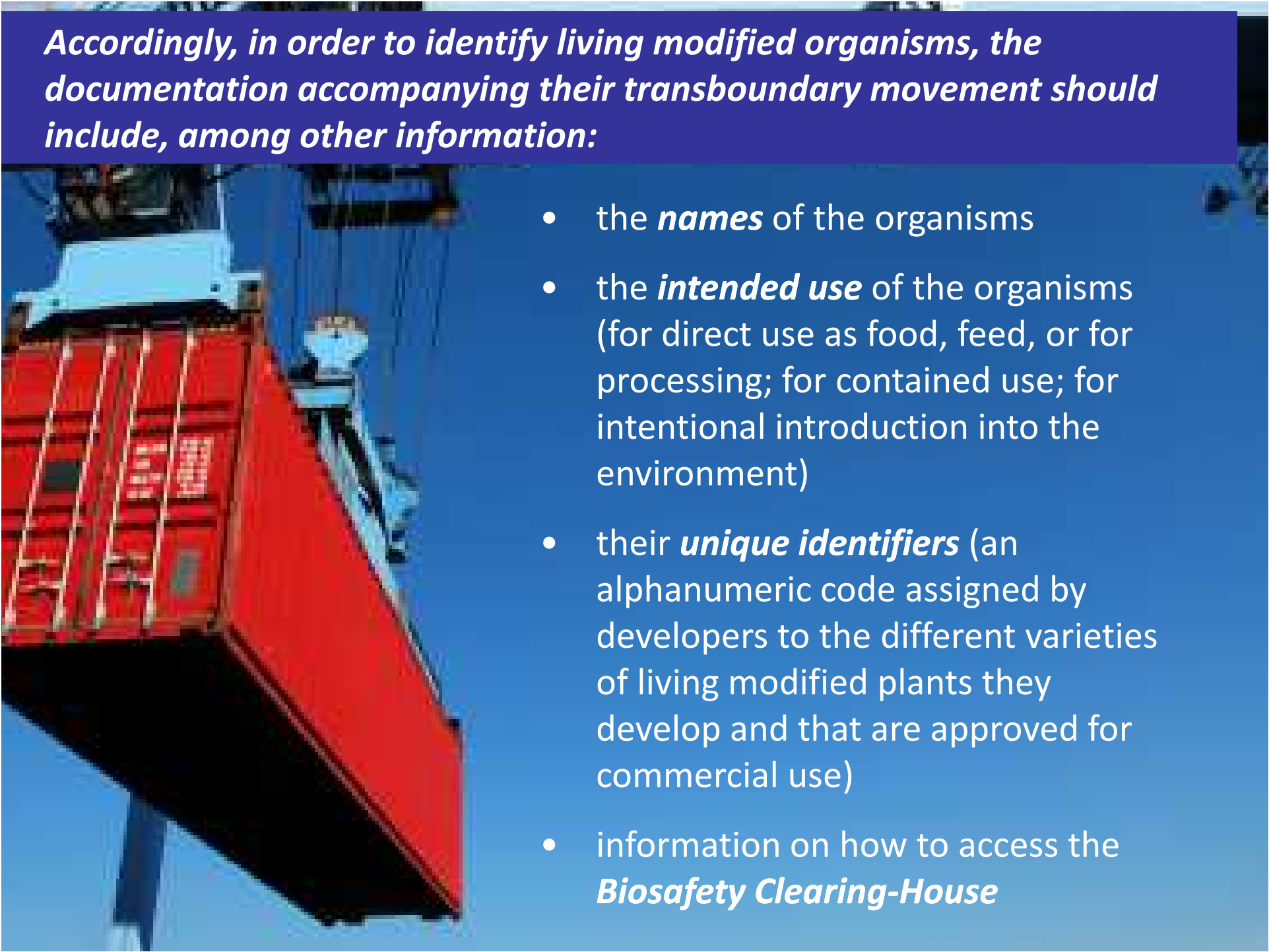
# The Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, Customs Officers and LMO 'Quick-links'



***Article 18 of the Biosafety Protocol concerns the handling, transport, packaging and identification of living modified organisms.***

**It obliges Parties to take necessary measures to require that living modified organisms that are subject to intentional transboundary movement are handled, packaged and transported under conditions of safety.**

**Article 18 and subsequent decisions by the governing body of the Protocol also specify information to be included in documentation that accompanies living modified organisms for identification purposes.**



*Accordingly, in order to identify living modified organisms, the documentation accompanying their transboundary movement should include, among other information:*

- the ***names*** of the organisms
- the ***intended use*** of the organisms (for direct use as food, feed, or for processing; for contained use; for intentional introduction into the environment)
- their ***unique identifiers*** (an alphanumeric code assigned by developers to the different varieties of living modified plants they develop and that are approved for commercial use)
- information on how to access the ***Biosafety Clearing-House***



***Customs officers have a role to play in inspecting the documentation accompanying living modified organisms. They need to:***



- verify that the documentation corresponds to the actual goods in the shipment,
- check whether their country has approved or not disallowed the import of the living modified organism, as appropriate, and
- ensure that the documentation is complete and meets the applicable identification requirements specified in the Protocol and domestic law.

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## LMO quick-links



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***The Secretariat has developed the LMO quick-links tool to assist in the identification of living modified organisms in documentation accompanying their transboundary movement.***



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***LMO quick-links are also intended to facilitate the work of customs officers by providing clear identification of living modified organisms and easy access to the Biosafety Clearing-House where customs officers can view the decision of their country on the import of the organism, as appropriate.***

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***The LMO quick-links are small image files that can be easily included in documentation accompanying living modified organisms for the purpose of providing information on a specific living modified organism.***



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***The LMO quick-links identify a living modified organism through the organism's unique identifier, trade name and a link to the online Biosafety Clearing-House where more information on the LMO is available.***





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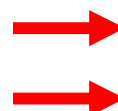
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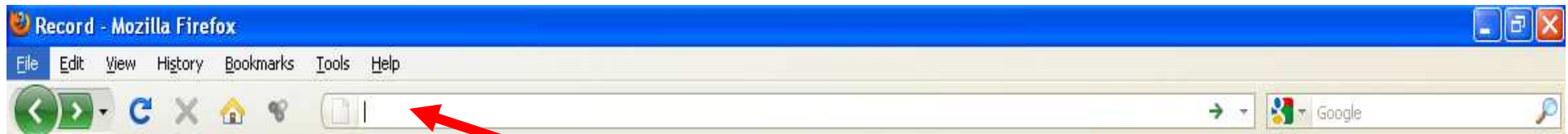
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***The page of the Biosafety Clearing-House on the specific living modified organism can be easily accessed by either scanning the barcode or by typing the URL in a web browser.***





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**LMO Quick-links**

LMO Information Decisions on the LMO Risk Assessments



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***To use the barcode in the LMO quick-link, you will need a barcode reader linked to a computer with an internet connection.***



***Ensure the cursor is in the address bar of your web browser. Then scan the barcode and you will be taken to...***



## Modified Organism

MON-ØØ81Ø-6 - YieldGard™ maize

LMO Information

Decisions on the LMO

Risk Assessments

### Record information and status

*... the page of the Biosafety Clearing-House  
on the living modified organism.*

#### Living Modified Organism identity

##### LMO name

YieldGard™ maize

##### Transformation event

MON810

##### Unique identifier

MON-ØØ81Ø-6



## Modified Organism

### MON-00810-6 - YieldGard™ maize

LMO Information <b>Decisions on the LMO</b> Risk Assessments								
Country	Domestic Use			Import			Environmental Release	Other
	Food	Feed	Processing	Food	Feed	Processing		
<a href="#">Argentina</a>								
<a href="#">Austria</a>								
<a href="#">Australia</a>								
<a href="#">Brazil</a>								
<a href="#">Canada</a>								
<a href="#">Switzerland</a>								
<a href="#">China</a>								

***By accessing the Biosafety Clearing-House page on the LMO, customs officers and other border control officials can see what decisions their country has taken regarding that LMO.***





## Country's Decision or any other Communication

### Record information and status

Record ID 44888

#### General information

##### Country submitting the decision or communication

- China

#### Decision or communication details

##### Subject(s) of the decision

- Decision on LMOs for direct use as food or feed, or for processing (Article 11, LMOs-FFPs)
  - Decision on import of LMOs

##### Result of the decision

- Approval of the import/use of the LMO(s) without conditions

##### LMO identification




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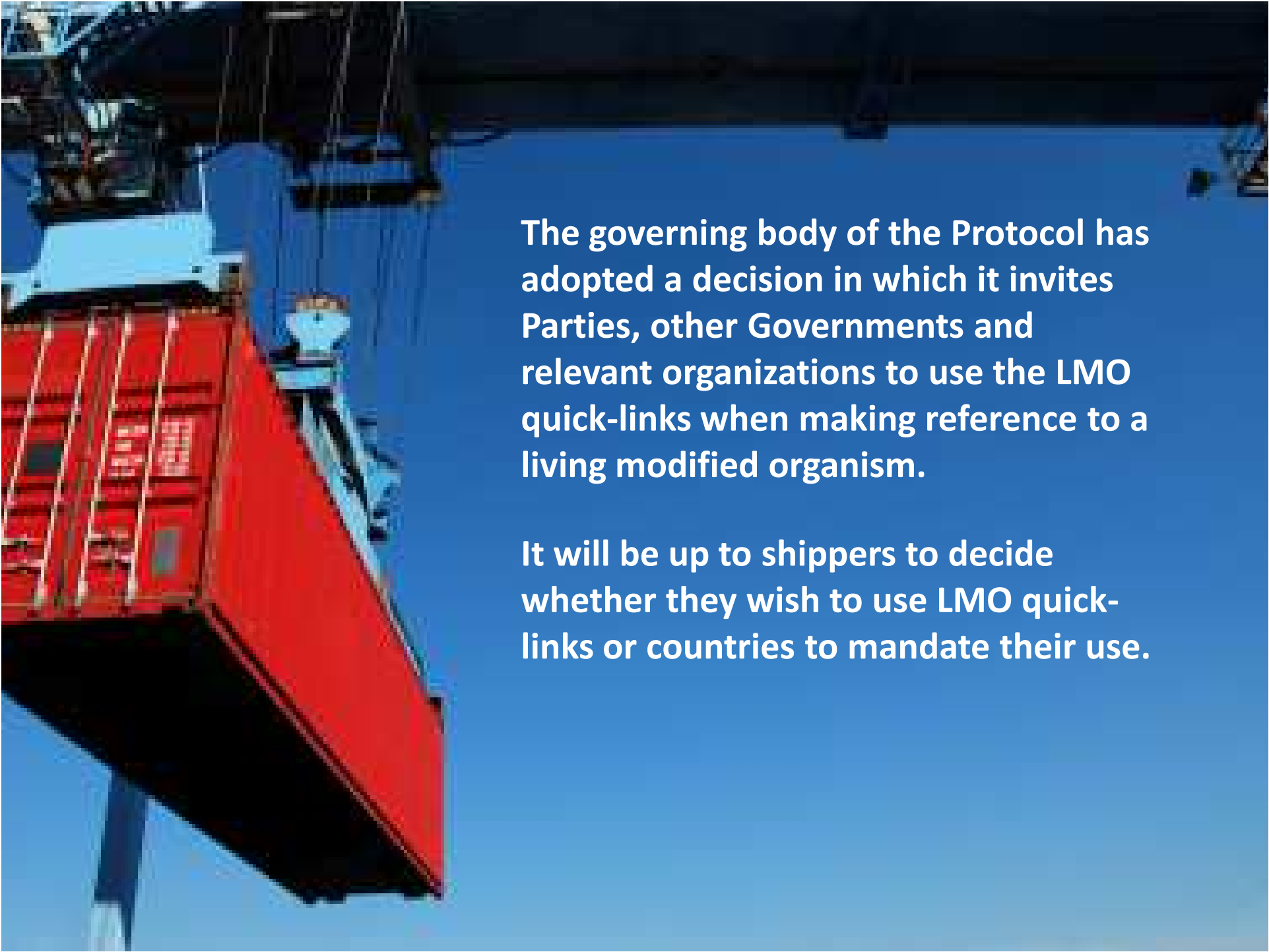
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Resistance to diseases and pests - Insects - Lepidoptera (butterflies and moths) - European corn borer (*Ostrinia nubilalis*)

***In this example, we can see that China has approved the import of MON810 – YieldGard maize for direct use as food or feed, or for processing without conditions.***

A photograph of a red shipping container being hoisted by a crane. The container is suspended by thick cables and is angled upwards. The background is a clear, bright blue sky. The scene is set outdoors, likely at a port or construction site.

**While inclusion of identification information in documentation accompanying living modified organisms is required by the Biosafety Protocol, the use of LMO quick-links to meet this requirement is not obligatory.**

A large red cargo ship is shown from a low angle, sailing on a blue ocean under a clear blue sky. The ship's hull is red, and its superstructure is white. The ship is moving towards the right side of the frame.

The governing body of the Protocol has adopted a decision in which it invites Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to use the LMO quick-links when making reference to a living modified organism.

It will be up to shippers to decide whether they wish to use LMO quick-links or countries to mandate their use.

The screenshot shows the Biosafety Clearing-House website. The header includes the title "Biosafety Clearing-House" and the logo for the "Convention on Biological Diversity". A navigation bar contains links: Home, The BCH, The Protocol, Finding Information, Registering Information, Resources (highlighted with a red circle), and Help. A dropdown menu for "Resources" is open, listing: Common Formats, Solutions for National Participation, Training Site of the BCH, Glossary, Thesaurus, Site Map, Offline copy of the BCH, LMO quick-links (indicated by a red arrow), Online forums and portals, Interoperability Services, and Mailing Lists. On the left, a sidebar lists "Resources" with a link to "LMO quick-links". Below this is a section for "LMO Quick-links" with a logo and a URL: <http://bch.cbd.int/resources/quicklinks.shtml>. The main content area features a "MON-00810-6 YieldGard™ maize" section with a barcode and the text "Read barcode or type above URL into internet browser". On the right, there is a "Country Profiles..." dropdown and a section with a barcode and the text "/record-v4.shtml?documentid=14750" and "y Clearing-House © SCBD 2010".

***The LMO quick-links were launched in September 2010 and since then, the Secretariat has been raising awareness of their availability.***

***They are available from the Resources section of the Biosafety Clearing-House at:***

***<http://bch.cbd.int/resources/quicklinks.shtml>***