



CASE STUDY 1:

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Objective:

Use the BCH Central Portal to access information that a user might need to do business.

References:

Biosafety Protocol

BCH Module 4: Finding information in the BCH Central Portal

Scenario:

You are running a business in Mexico and want to move a shipment of cottonseed from the United States to Mexico for food processing. You know that the shipment may contain genetically modified cotton.

Use the BCH to answer the following questions:

1. What GM cotton has been approved in the US that might be in your shipment?
2. After the oil is extracted from the seed, the seed cake is used for animal feed. Have all of the GM cotton events you maybe importing been approved for food and feed use in Mexico?
3. What are your next steps to apply for permission to import the shipment into Mexico?



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TRAINER NOTES

Training Objective:

Users to practice searching for decisions and organisms, and to use the BCH as a tool to support trade.

Requirements:

Access to the BCH.

Notes:

Users can work singly or in small groups for this exercise.

Some of the results do not make use of the Unique Identifier. You may wish to initiate a discussion on how this impacts users of the BCH who are looking for relevant information.

Answers may have changed from the date of preparation and trainers may wish to carry out the exercise beforehand to update the expected results.

Teachable Moment: Discuss the fact that the import is not intended for release into the environment, but for processing and feed and therefore is not a subject for the AIA procedure unless declared by the country (Article 11.6). In accordance with Article 11.4 a Party may take a decision on the import of LMOs-FFP, under its domestic regulatory framework that is consistent with the objective of the Protocol.