



CASE STUDY 19:

A journalist researches a story about possible illegal/unintentional transboundary movement of an LMO

Objective :

Use the BCH Central Portal to find information about a potential illegal transboundary movement of a GMO.

References:

Biosafety Protocol

BCH Module 4: Finding information in the BCH Central Portal

Scenario:

You are a newspaper journalist working in Thailand and you have just received an anonymous tip that some genetically modified cattle have escaped from a facility in Cambodia and crossed the border into Thailand. Use the BCH as a tool to assist you in researching this event.

Hint: you should be able to confirm if the event has been reported; get some contacts to follow up; check if the countries in question are Parties to the Protocol; look for information about the genetically modified organism; and find some contacts to follow up if you later need an expert consultation.



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TRAINER NOTES

Training Objective:

Users to practice searching for notifications, national contacts, organisms, Parties to the Protocol, and biosafety experts in the BCH.

Requirements:

Access to the BCH.

Notes:

- Users can work singly or in small groups for this exercise.
- Depending on available time, you may wish to distribute the scenario only (without the hint) and get the class involved in a discussion on various ways the BCH could help them undertake the research.