





CASE STUDY 29:

Customs officer looks for laboratories for detection and identification of LMOs

Objective:

Use the BCH Central Portal to find laboratories for detection and identification of LMOs that can be used to test samples from the border

References:

BCH Manual MO04: Finding information in the BCH Central Portal BCH Manual MO11: Using the BCH FOR Custom and Border Control Officers tasks

Scenario:

You are a custom officer in Myanmar's port responsible for activities related to transboundary movements of LMOs. You need to find to which laboratory you can send your samples for testing.

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TRAINER NOTES

Training Objective:

Participants search the BCH to find in the country or the region laboratories for detection and identification of LMOs.

Requirements:

Access to the BCH.

Notes:

- Some participants might follow different paths to retrieve the same information. Some can search Organizations while others can go to Network of Laboratories for LMO Detection & Identification Portal. So long as their chosen method retrieves the needed information, the method is not relevant.
- Answers may have changed from the date of preparation of this Case Study and trainers may wish to carry out the exercise beforehand to update the expected results.
- It can be highlighted that COP MOP 5, in its decision BS-V/9, invited Parties to nominate national and international reference laboratories with the view to establishing, through the Biosafety-Clearing House, an electronic network of laboratories to facilitate the identification of living modified organisms as well as the sharing of information and experiences.

Possible solutions

From BCH Home page select 'Organizations' in '*Finding information'* falling menu. Then, select "Asia – All countries" in '*Select geographical region(s) or political/economic group(s)*' search field and "Laboratory for detection and identification of LMOs" in '*Type of organization*' search field. Press Search button.