



Ready Reference
BCH Record Types

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National Contacts	
National Focal Points	Individuals or institutions responsible on behalf of their government for: (a) liaison with the CBD Secretariat on issues required by the Protocol and (b) facilitating the sharing of information and liaising with the CBD Secretariat on issues of relevance to the continued development and implementation of the BCH. (c) receiving notifications about an unintentional transboundary movement of an LMO and emergency measures.
Competent National Authorities	Authorities responsible for performing the administrative functions required by the Protocol.
National Biosafety Websites and Databases	Online resources maintained as official governmental or national sources of biosafety information
Laws and Regulations	
National Laws	A national law is a law that has been passed by the national legislative body of a country's government.
National Regulations	In most jurisdictions, a national regulation is 'subordinate legislation', usually of an administrative nature, that is authorized by a national law.
National Guidelines	A national guideline is intended to assist with providing ways of complying with national laws, and national regulations.
Bilateral, Multilateral, and Regional agreements	Any agreements and arrangements between governments to implement provisions of the Protocol.
Country's Decisions and other Communications	
Decisions under the AIA	Decisions on the first intentional transboundary movement of LMOs for intentional release into the



	environment of the Party of import.
Decisions under Article 11	Decisions on LMOs for direct use as food or feed, or for processing, including placing on the market, and decisions related to import.
Other Decisions and Declarations	Notifications about illegal or unintentional transboundary movement of an LMO, decisions under the simplified procedure, , field trials of LMOs not covered by the AIA procedure, decisions on transit and contained use of an LMO, decisions on pharmaceuticals, declarations made upon ratification of the Protocol, and others including decisions and declarations on biosafety issues prior to entry into force of the Protocol.
Risk Assessment Reports	Summaries of risk assessments or environmental reviews taken in accordance with Annex III of the Protocol.
LMOs, Genes or Organisms	
LMO-UIDs Registry	Summary information on all LMOs registered in the BCH including transformation events, genetic modifications, and the unique identification code (if available) for each record.
Gene Registry	Summary information on gene inserts and characteristics of the genetic modifications of LMOs.
Organism Registry	Summary information on parental, recipient or donor organisms related to the LMOs registered in the BCH.
Capacity-Building	
Capacity-Building Projects	Information on various biosafety capacity-building projects and other relevant initiatives, such as the UNEP/GEF project on development of national biosafety frameworks. Each record contains basic information on project/initiative, including: its status and location, lead organization(s) and contacts, funding details, objectives and activities, main outcomes, lessons learned, a brief description and web-links for detailed information. Projects are typically long-term (i.e. duration of 6 months or more.)
Capacity-Building Opportunities	Information on one-time, short-term capacity-building opportunities, such as: funding grants, technical assistance, scholarships and fellowships, personnel



	exchange/internships, scientific and technical cooperation, partnerships, discussion forums, professional networks, and others.
Academically-Accredited Biosafety Courses	Information on biosafety education and training programs with academic accreditation offered around the world.
Capacity-Building Needs and Priorities	National and regional capacity-building necessities required for the implementation of the Biosafety Protocol that have been identified and categorized in line with the elements of the Capacity-Building Action Plan.
Reports on Capacity-Building Initiative	Summaries of the reports on completed Capacity-Building activities.
Roster of experts	
Biosafety Expert	Details of biosafety experts who have been nominated by a government as an expert in their field.
Report on Assignment	Reports on the assignments undertaken by Biosafety Experts contacted through the Roster.
Other categories	
Organizations	Directory of international organizations involved in activities relevant to implementation of the Protocol with summaries of their activities and contact information.
The BCH Virtual Library	Different categories of information aimed to assist countries in capacity-building for implementation of the Protocol. The library provides access to the following collections: BIRC, Bibliosafety, Research4Life (HINARI, AGORA, OARE).
Country Profile	Summary information about a country, including ratification status and information being reported to the BCH by that country.
National Reports	National reports on measures taken to implement the Protocol (<i>can be found in country profile</i>).
BCH Reports and Reviews	
BCH Log Reports	Information on number of records and visits per year.



BCH Annual Reports	Annual review s of the operations of the BCH.
User survey, feedback and other publications on the BCH	Results of periodic review s of the BCH implementation and operation

