



Ready Reference  
**Decisions and Declarations**

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Decision Type	Explanation
<b>Advance Informed Agreement decisions (AIA)</b>	<p><i>LMOs to be intentionally introduced into the environment.</i></p> <p>The AIA procedure applies before the first intentional transboundary movement of LMOs for intentional introduction into the environment of the Party of import.</p>
<b>Article 11 decisions (LMO-FFPs)</b>	<p><i>LMOs intended for direct use as feed or food or for processing (often termed “commodities”).</i></p> <p>The procedure outlined in Article 11 of the Protocol requires countries to exchange information at an early stage through the BCH for LMOs intended for direct use as food or feed, or for processing. It includes a requirement to give notice of domestic authorizations of LMOs and to make available copies of national laws and regulations applicable to the import of these LMOs. Article 11 describes the form of decisions that may be taken by both potential exporting and importing Parties and that need to be made available to the BCH.</p>
<i>Article 11(1) decision</i>	<p>A final decision regarding domestic use, including placing on the market, of an LMO that may be subject to transboundary movement for direct use as food or feed, or for processing.</p>
<i>Article 11(4) decision</i>	<p>A decision on the import of LMOs intended for direct use as food or feed, or for processing, under a country’s domestic regulatory framework.</p>
<i>Article 11(6) decision</i>	<p>A decision taken by a developing country Party or a Party with an economy in transition, in the absence of a domestic regulatory framework, prior to the first import of an LMO intended for direct use as food or feed, or for processing.</p>
<i>Article 11(6) declaration</i>	<p>A declaration that, in the absence of a domestic regulatory framework, a decision prior to the first import of an LMO intended for direct use as food or feed, or for processing, in the absence of a domestic regulatory framework will be taken in accordance with the procedure outlined in Article 11.6 (i.e. risk assessment and decision made within 270 days).</p>



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<b>Other decisions, declarations and notifications</b>	<i>Any final decisions regarding the importation or release of LMOs that are not AIA decisions or Article 11 decisions. This category also includes notifications and declarations.</i>
Article 5 decision	Decision on pharmaceuticals
Article 6(1) decision	Decision regarding transit of an LMO.
Article 6(2) decision	Decision on contained use of an LMO.
Article 13(1a) decision	Decision under the simplified procedure: cases in which intentional transboundary movement to it may take place at the same time as the movement is notified to the Party of import.
Article 13(1b) decision	Decision under the simplified procedure: LMOs that are exempted by a Party of Import from the AIA procedure.
Article 11(1) notification	Notification that a Party does not have access to the Biosafety Clearing-House
Article 14(4) notification	Notification that a Party has determined that its domestic regulations apply with respect to specific imports to it.
Article 17(1) notification	Notification of an unintentional transboundary movement of an LMO.
Article 25(3) notification	Notification of an illegal transboundary movement of LMOs.
Article 18 communication	Communication of information on “Handling, Transport, Packaging, and Identification” of LMOs
Declaration made upon ratification or accession	A declaration made by a Party at the time of ratifying or acceding to the Protocol.
Decision on a field trial taken in accordance with domestic regulatory framework	Decision on a field trial that does not fall under the AIA procedure and is taken in accordance with a country's domestic regulatory framework.