

## **Status of Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol in Mongolia**

In June 1992, Mongolia has signed to the CBD. In January 2007 has joined to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and 25 Nov. 2002, Mongolian Parliament has adopted it. On 28 June, 2007 the law on GMO has been adopted by Parliament and in 2010 Mongolia has joined the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol.

The Mongolian National Biosafety Committee is established and it is consisted of 18 (supernumerrary) members and Secretary of the Committee. The Experts Committee is consisted 9 members.

3 years ago, there was almost no information not only in the public sector, but also in the level of governmental and NGOs officials, they had no knowledge and information on GMO

In the framework of the Capacity Building project, the National Biosafety Committee of Mongolia has been working on public awareness and disseminating information of LMOs to the governmental and non-governmental officials including the National Federation of Mongolian Consumers Association and Authority Fair Competition and Consumers Protection.

As a result, 20 December, 2012, the issues related to the LMOs has been included to the renewed law on Food and law on Food safety

Generally, information was informed negatively and positively, also there was shortage of information based on science, so most of the information was based on internet and talks. Therefore, there was some misunderstanding on LMOs until today.

In order to promote the scientific grounded and reliable information, we prepared the hand-out materials, brochures, the Cartagena Protocols translated documents and TV and Radio short broadcasts series, where informed: what are the LMOs, general information about the LMO, related legal information, Convention on Biological Diversity, Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol, how to assess to the Biosafety Clearing House and how to get information.

There are no other initiatives on public participation concering to LMOs.