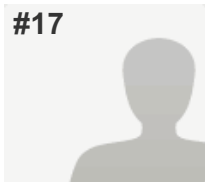


Testing of the Guidance on Risk Assessment of Living Modified Organisms

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Q1: Type of submission:

Party

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Q2: Name of the Party:

Republic of Moldova

Q3: Person submitting this questionnaire:

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Q4: Institution(s) or organization(s) that participated in the testing:

Government authority(ies)

Q5: Context in which the testing was conducted

Group event(s) (e.g., workshop, training course, meeting)

Q6: Actual case(s) of risk assessment used in the testing: Note: Please enter the hyperlinks of BCH Risk Assessment Records (e.g. <http://bch.cbd.int/database/record.shtml?documentid=104904> and <http://bch.cbd.int/database/record.shtml?documentid=104905>) or other publicly accessible web pages containing the technical and scientific data of the actual cases of risk assessment used in the testing.

Risk Assessment 1:

<http://bch.cbd.int/database/record.shtml?documentid=104904>

Q7: In what language was the Guidance tested?

Russian

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Q8: Name of the other Government:

Respondent skipped this question

Q9: Person submitting this questionnaire:

Respondent skipped this question

Q10: Institution(s) or organization(s) that participated in the testing:

Respondent skipped this question

Q11: Context in which the testing was conducted

Respondent skipped this question

Q12: Actual case(s) of risk assessment used in the testing: Note: Please enter the hyperlinks of BCH Risk Assessment Records (e.g. <http://bch.cbd.int/database/record.shtml?documentid=104904> and <http://bch.cbd.int/database/record.shtml?documentid=104905>) or other publicly accessible web pages containing the technical and scientific data of the actual cases of risk assessment used in the testing.

Respondent skipped this question

Q13: In what language was the Guidance tested?

Respondent skipped this question

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Q14: Name of the organization:	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q15: Person submitting this questionnaire:	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q16: Institution(s) or organization(s) that participated in the testing:	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q17: Context in which the testing was conducted	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q18: Actual case(s) of risk assessment used in the testing: Note: Please enter the hyperlinks of BCH Risk Assessment Records (e.g. http://bch.cbd.int/database/record.shtml?documentid=104904 and http://bch.cbd.int/database/record.shtml?documentid=104905) or other publicly accessible web pages containing the technical and scientific data of the actual cases of risk assessment used in the testing.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q19: In what language was the Guidance tested?	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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Q20: Would you like to submit an evaluation of the following section of the Guidance: Part I: The Roadmap for Risk Assessment	Yes
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Q21: This section of the Guidance is practical.1 (no label)	Strongly Agree
Q22: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section to increase its practicality? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made:	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q23: This section of the Guidance is useful or has utility.2 (no label)	Strongly Agree
Q24: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section to increase its usefulness/utility? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made: From our point of view it would be appropriate to include into Roadmap on risk assessment of LMOs specific considerations related to the adverse risks of LMOs to the human health.	
Q25: This section of the Guidance is consistent with the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.3 (no label)	Strongly Agree
Q26: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section to increase its consistency with the Protocol? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made: According to the Annex III of the Protocol it is required to provide taxonomic status and common name, source and relevant biological characteristics of the donor organism. In this regard we suggest to reflect this provision in the Roadmap on risk assessment of LMOs, under the lines 441-443, to introduce specific requirements for characterization of donor organisms, to be sufficient for risk evaluators.	

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Q27: This section of the Guidance takes into account past and present experiences with LMOs.4

(no label)

Strongly Agree

Q28: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section in order to better take into account past and present experiences with LMOs? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made:

The structure of the Roadmap foresees that at the end of each step it is provided a link to the reference materials (web-sites). These references facilitate the evaluators to take into account the past and present experiences during the risk evaluation and decision making processes. These references materials might be updated and completed any time, so the newly scientific evidence is available to use during the risk assessment. The Roadmap is an open and living document that is guiding the evaluators with the minimum required questions, at the same time it might be updated and improved according the new scientific publications. >

Q29: Here you may provide further details to explain your answers in evaluating this section of the Guidance:

In our view the Roadmap on risk assessment is an extremely practical, useful and efficient document that can be very helpful for my country to develop institutional and personnel capacities for risk assessment and decision making on LMOs. The testing of the Roadmap was carried out during the Eastern European Regional Course on Integrative Impact Assessment of LMOs under the Cartagena Protocol "Advancing LMO assessment: Principles, Practice and Progress", that was held during 3-8 February 2014 in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, and many positive feedback were received from all participants of the course. To be mentioned that Republic of Moldova was represented at the course by members of the National Biosafety Commission, national competent authorities in the field (Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Agriculture, State Environmental Inspectorate, etc.), scientific researches in various relevant fields for biosafety representing Academy of Science, State University of Moldova, Agrarian University of Moldova, State Institute for Phytotechnical Research, National Institute for Horticulture and Food Industry. During the testing of the Roadmap session the participants made risk evaluation exercise based on the real dossier of risk assessment on GM potato, provided by the Netherlands authorities via BCH, and which was submitted by BASF Plant Science Company GmbH. The results of this report reflect general view of participants related to the quality and usefulness of the Roadmap Guidance. The overall appreciation of moldovan participants that the Roadmap is extremely useful, practical and efficient to guide national evaluators in the risk assessment process. The Roadmap is fully consistent with the provisions of the Cartagena protocol and its Annex III. It is to be mentioned that the Roadmap is very well structured, it contains information that reflect fundamental knowledge of various fields/disciplines of science. It is written in scientific language but at the same time it is clear and understandable for decision makers and risk evaluators.

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Q30: Would you like to submit an evaluation of the following section of the Guidance: Part II: Specific types of LMOs or Traits - Risk assessment of LMOs with stacked genes or traits

No

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Q31: This section of the Guidance is practical.1

Respondent skipped this question

Q32: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section to increase its practicality? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made:

Respondent skipped this question

Q33: This section of the Guidance is useful or has utility.2

Respondent skipped this question

Q34: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section to increase its usefulness/utility? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made:

Respondent skipped this question

Q35: This section of the Guidance is consistent with the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.3

Respondent skipped this question

Q36: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section to increase its consistency with the Protocol? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made:

Respondent skipped this question

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Q37: This section of the Guidance takes into account past and present experiences with LMOs.4 *Respondent skipped this question*

Q38: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section in order to better take into account past and present experiences with LMOs? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made: *Respondent skipped this question*

Q39: Here you may provide further details to explain your answers in evaluating this section of the Guidance: *Respondent skipped this question*

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Q40: Would you like to submit an evaluation of the following section of the Guidance: Part II: Specific types of LMOs or Traits - Risk assessment of LM crops with tolerance to abiotic stress No

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Q41: This section of the Guidance is practical.1 *Respondent skipped this question*

Q42: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section to increase its practicality? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made: *Respondent skipped this question*

Q43: This section of the Guidance is useful or has utility.2 *Respondent skipped this question*

Q44: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section to increase its usefulness/utility? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made: *Respondent skipped this question*

Q45: This section of the Guidance is consistent with the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.3 *Respondent skipped this question*

Q46: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section to increase its consistency with the Protocol? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made: *Respondent skipped this question*

Q47: This section of the Guidance takes into account past and present experiences with LMOs.4 *Respondent skipped this question*

Q48: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section in order to better take into account past and present experiences with LMOs? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made: *Respondent skipped this question*

Q49: Here you may provide further details to explain your answers in evaluating this section of the Guidance: *Respondent skipped this question*

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Q50: Would you like to submit an evaluation of the following section of the Guidance: Part II: Specific types of LMOs or Traits - Risk assessment of LM mosquitoes No

Q51: This section of the Guidance is practical.1	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q52: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section to increase its practicality? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made:	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q53: This section of the Guidance is useful or has utility.2	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q54: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section to increase its usefulness/utility? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made:	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q55: This section of the Guidance is consistent with the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.3	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
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Q57: This section of the Guidance takes into account past and present experiences with LMOs.4	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
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Q59: Here you may provide further details to explain your answers in evaluating this section of the Guidance:	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

Q60: Would you like to submit an evaluation of the following section of the Guidance: Part II: Specific types of LMOs or Traits - Risk assessment of LM trees	No
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Q61: This section of the Guidance is practical.1	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q62: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section to increase its practicality? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made:	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
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Q64: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section to increase its usefulness/utility? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made:	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q65: This section of the Guidance is consistent with the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.3	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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Q66: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section to increase its consistency with the Protocol? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made:

Respondent skipped this question

Q67: This section of the Guidance takes into account past and present experiences with LMOs.4

Respondent skipped this question

Q68: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section in order to better take into account past and present experiences with LMOs? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made:

Respondent skipped this question

Q69: Here you may provide further details to explain your answers in evaluating this section of the Guidance:

Respondent skipped this question

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Q70: Would you like to submit an evaluation of the following section of the Guidance: Part III: Monitoring of LMOs Released into the Environment

No

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Q71: This section of the Guidance is practical.1

Respondent skipped this question

Q72: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section to increase its practicality? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made:

Respondent skipped this question

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Respondent skipped this question

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Respondent skipped this question

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Respondent skipped this question

Q78: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section in order to better take into account past and present experiences with LMOs? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made:

Respondent skipped this question

Q79: Here you may provide further details to explain your answers in evaluating this section of the Guidance:

Respondent skipped this question

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Q80: Would you like to submit an evaluation of the following section of the Guidance: Background Documents No

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Q81: This section of the Guidance is practical.¹ *Respondent skipped this question*

Q82: This section of the Guidance is useful or has utility.² *Respondent skipped this question*

Q83: This section of the Guidance is consistent with the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.³ *Respondent skipped this question*

Q84: This section of the Guidance takes into account past and present experiences with LMOs.⁴ *Respondent skipped this question*

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Q85: Please use the space below if you wish to provide additional feedback regarding the testing of the Guidance on Risk Assessment of Living Modified Organisms:

The Republic of Moldova considers the testing of the Roadmap on Risk assessment of LMOs was a very useful exercise. It has exceeded our expectations in our opinion the Roadmap is a high quality document that met our requirements for practicability, usefulness, utility and efficiency and we recommend to submit the document to the next COP- MOP of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for approval.