*National Record[[1]](#footnote-2):* Biosafety Law, Regulation, Guidelines & Agreements[[2]](#footnote-3)

*Fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are mandatory.*

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| **General information** | |
| 1. Is this an amendment to a law, regulation, guideline or agreement already published on the BCH?:[[3]](#footnote-4)\* | Yes  └ Please enter the *record number(s) containing the law/regulation being amended: <BCH record number>*  └ Please provide a brief summary of the amendment(s): <Text entry>  *OR*  No |
| 1. Country:[[4]](#footnote-5)\* | <Country name> |
| 1. Title of document:\* | <Text entry> |

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| **Legislative details** | |
| 1. Type of Law / Regulation:[[5]](#footnote-6)\* | Law  Regulation or administrative measure  Policy  Guidelines  Regulatory summary / National Biosafety Framework  Bilateral agreement or arrangement  Multilateral agreement or arrangement  Regional agreement or arrangement  Other (specify): <Text entry> |
| 1. Area of jurisdiction:[[6]](#footnote-7)\* | Regional / Multilateral  └ \*<Country name(s)> or  <Geographical or political/economic group(s)>  National / Federal  Sub-national  └ \*Name of the sub-national jurisdiction: <Text entry>  Other (specify): <Text entry> |
| 1. Subject areas:[[7]](#footnote-8)\* | All functions pursuant to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety  Capacity Building  Competent National Authorities and National Focal Points  Confidential Information  Contained use  Handling, transport, packaging and identification  Human and/or Animal Health  Illegal transboundary movements  Information Sharing  Intentional introduction into the environment  Liability and redress  LMOs for direct use as feed  LMOs for direct use as food  LMOs for processing  Pharmaceuticals  Public awareness and participation  Risk assessment and management  Simplified Procedure  Socio-economic considerations  Transboundary movement (import/export)  Transit  Unintentional transboundary movements and emergency measures  Other (specify): <Text entry> |
| 1. Types of organisms addressed:[[8]](#footnote-9)\* | All types of organisms  Animals  └ Invertebrates └ Vertebrates  └ Arachnids └ Amphibians  └ Crustaceans └ Birds  └ Insects └ Fish  └ Mollusks └ Mammals  └ Nematodes └ Reptiles  Bacteria  Fungi  Plants  └ Algae └ Ornamentals  └ Crops └ Mosses  └ Ferns └  Trees  Viruses  Other (specify): <Text entry> |
| 1. Brief description of the document including objective and scope:[[9]](#footnote-10) *(maximum of 300 words)* | <Text entry> |
| 1. Date of entry into force: | <YYYY-MM-DD> |

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| **Document details** | |
| 1. Document text:[[10]](#footnote-11) | Official document: <Attachment> *or*  <URL and website name>  └ available language(s): <language>\*  AND/OR  Unofficial document (including courtesy translations): <Attachment> *or*  <URL and website name>  └ available language(s): <language>\*  OR  Provide details on how to obtain a copy of the document if it is not available as an attachment or online: <Text entry> |
| 1. Relationship with other laws/regulations:[[11]](#footnote-12) | *Enter the record number(s) containing the related measure(s):* *<BCH record number>*  AND  └ Please describe the relationship between the measures: <Text entry> |
| **Regulatory contact information** | |
| 1. Competent National Authority(ies) and/or Supplementary Protocol Competent Authority(ies):[[12]](#footnote-13)\* | *<BCH record number> or, if not registered, attach a “Competent National Authority” and/or “Supplementary Protocol Competent Authority” common format.[[13]](#footnote-14)* |

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| **Timeframe for confirmation or updating of information** | |
| 1. Should this information be confirmed or updated after two years from the date of submission?[[14]](#footnote-15)\* | Yes  No |
| **Additional information** | |
| 1. Any other relevant information:[[15]](#footnote-16) | <Text entry>  *and/or* <URL and website name>  *and/or* <Attachment> |
| 1. Notes:[[16]](#footnote-17) | <Text entry> |

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| **Record validation** | |
| Information should be submitted online to the BCH through the Submit page. This offline common format is made available to assist BCH users to gather and organize their records prior to submission to the BCH.  In case of difficulties in submitting this information online, the completed documents should be signed in the section below by the BCH National Focal Point and sent in MS Word format by e-mail to [bch@cbd.int](mailto:bch@cbd.int)**.**  Alternatively, it may be sent by fax to **+1 514 288 6588**.  or postal mail to:  **Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity**  **413 rue Saint-Jacques, suite 800**  **Montreal, Quebec, H2Y 1N9**  **Canada**  **Important Notice:** Please note that in case this form is going to be sent via fax, postal mail or from an e-mail address different from the registered e-mail address of the BCH National Focal Point (BCH-NFP), a copy/scan of this signed page should be attached. | |
| Date:\* | <YYYY-MM-DD> |
| Country:\* | <Country name> |
| Name of the BCH National Focal Point:\* | <Text entry> |
| *I hereby confirm that the above information is correct and agree for its inclusion in the Biosafety Clearing-House.* | |
| Signature of the BCH National Focal Point:\* |  |

1. National records contain information that are usually part of a Party’s obligations under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and must be validated by BCH National Focal Points prior to publication in the BCH. The common formats for national records can be accessed through the Submit page of the BCH. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Laws, regulations guidelines for implementation of the Protocol, as well as bilateral, regional and multilateral agreements and arrangements, are made available to the BCH in accordance with Article 20, paragraph 3 (a) and (b) of the Protocol. Please note that to complete this form you may also need to download the following common formats: “Contact”, “Competent National Authority”, “Supplementary Protocol Competent Authority”. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. **This section is relevant when the law/regulation being submitted is amending an existing law/regulation. If the law/regulation being published in the BCH is an amendment to an existing law/regulation or a part of it, make sure that the law/regulation being amended is already registered in the BCH in order to be able to provide a link to the existing record. This will allow the two records to be displayed together.** [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. ***Important note for European Union (EU) Members only:***if the law, regulation, guideline or agreement applies to **all** EU Member States, the record must be published by the EU’s BCH focal point. The EU BCH focal point should select "European Union" in response to this question and the published record will appear in the country profiles of all EU Member States. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. A *law* is usually legislation (a statute) enacted by state government; a *regulation* is usually an act or process of controlling by rule or restriction, having legal force, issued by an administrative agency or a local government; a *guideline* is usually a document that announces the policy an agency intends to implement in future decision-making, or which will otherwise guide the agency in the exercise of its administrative discretion; a *regulatory summary* is a text summary of the national biosafety regulatory framework in place, or being developed in a country. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. Provide the jurisdiction where the law, regulation, guideline or agreement applies. This field can also be used to indicate territorial exclusions to measures.

   Please note that **regional or multilateral** measures only need to be registered once in the Biosafety Clearing-House and that each of the countries selected as being covered by the regional measure will have the measure displayed as part of their legal framework in their country profile. It is recommended that one country agrees to register the measure on behalf of the regional organization or the group of countries that share the same measure. For assistance, contact the Secretariat at [bch@cbd.int](mailto:bch@cbd.int). [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
7. This section provides keywords relevant to the subject matter addressed to assist in searching for and translation of the record. More details may be provided below. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
8. This section provides keywords relevant to the categories of LMOs addressed to assist in searching for and translation of the record. More details may be provided below. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
9. *Objective* Example: “The objective of this Act is to contribute to ensuring an adequate level of protection in the field of the safe transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms resulting from modern biotechnology that may have adverse effects on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, taking also into account risks to human health, and specifically focusing on transboundary movements.”

   *Scope* Example: “These regulations apply to the transboundary movement, transit, handling and use of all living modified plants that may have adverse effects on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, taking also into account risks to human health.” [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
10. An attachment is preferred. Otherwise, provide the location of the document (i.e. web address including the URL of the website (e.g. http://www.cbd.int) and the name of the website (e.g. “Convention on Biological Diversity”). Only use text entry to provide details of how to obtain a copy of the document if it is not available as an attachment or online. [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
11. Please indicate if there is any relationship between this document/measure and other laws, regulations, guidelines or agreements published in the BCH, e.g. a regulation to implement an existing law. [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
12. Competent National Authority (CNA) responsible for performing the administrative functions required by the Cartagena Protocol and/or competent authority (SPCA) under the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress. [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
13. All BCH common formats can be accessed through the Submit page of the BCH. [↑](#footnote-ref-14)
14. If the answer to this question is “Yes”, after two years from the date of submission you will be asked to confirm or update the record within 3 months. After this period, if no confirmation has been received, the record will be marked as “Not Confirmed”. [↑](#footnote-ref-15)
15. Please use this field to provide any other relevant information that may not have been addressed elsewhere in the record. [↑](#footnote-ref-16)
16. The “Notes” field is for personal use only. It can be seen only when the record is being edited but is not visible when the record is published. This field is not meant to be used for confidential information. [↑](#footnote-ref-17)