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**LIST OF GUIDANCE MATERIALS AVAILABLE IN THE BIOSAFETY INFORMATION
RESOURCE CENTRE OF THE BIOSAFETY CLEARING-HOUSE**

Note by the Executive Secretary

Addendum

The present addendum to the list of guidance materials available in the Biosafety Information Resource Centre of the Biosafety Clearing-House (UNEP/CBD/BS/AHTEG-RA&RM/1/INF/2) contains the guidance materials submitted to the Secretariat after the original list had been issued.

Annex I

**GUIDANCE MATERIALS AVAILABLE IN THE BIOSAFETY INFORMATION RESOURCE
CENTRE OF THE BIOSAFETY CLEARING HOUSE RELEVANT TO THE WORK OF THE
AHTEG ON RISK ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT**

A. GENERIC GUIDANCE

General Issues

1. Biosafety Assessment Tool (BAT)

Source: GenØk – Centre for Biosafety, Sweden.

Description: The Biosafety Assessment Tool (BAT) is an online resource for those identifying potential hazards and evaluating the risks of genetically modified/engineered organisms (GMOs/GEOS). The text and figures of the BAT are free for public use. The BAT is intended to assist in the evaluation of scientific documents that should accompany an application for development or release of any GMO, including living modified organisms (LMOs) as required under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

BIRC Record ID: 48455 (<http://bch.cbd.int/database/record.shtml?id=48544>).

Risk Management and Post-release Monitoring

2. A Topology of the Effects of (Trans)Gene Flow on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Genetic Resources

Source: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) / 2007.

Description: This background study paper gives an overview of current research regarding the full range of possible effects of transgene flow on human health, environment, various stakeholders in the food and feed production chain and on *in situ* and *ex situ* conservation of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture. The study further describes responses that governments and/or stakeholders have made, or which could be envisioned, in order to address some or all of these effects.

BIRC Record ID: 48542 (<http://bch.cbd.int/database/record.shtml?id=48542>).

Annex II

**RESEARCH ARTICLES RELEVANT TO THE WORK OF THE AHTEG ON RISK
ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT**

POST-RELEASE MONITORING

Heinemann JA, Sparrow AD, Traavik T (2004) Is confidence in monitoring of GE foods justified? Trends in Biotechnology 22: 331-336.

Heinemann JA, Traavik T (2004) Problems in monitoring horizontal gene transfer in field trials of transgenic plants. Nature Biotechnology 22: 1105-1109.
