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**Notification**  
**New Organisms Database – Biosafety Clearing-House**

At its third meeting, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (COP-MOP) adopted a number of recommendations to facilitate improved access to and use of the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH). In this regard, the Executive Secretary was requested to make decisions and other information on living modified organisms (LMOs) more easily available to Parties and other stakeholders.

I am pleased to announce the launch of a new easily accessible central registry in the BCH of all LMOs for which decisions have been taken. The registry provides summary information on the transformation event, gene insert and characteristics of the modification, and its unique identification code (if available) for approved LMOs. Links to all decisions that refer to one of these organisms are provided at the bottom of each LMO record accessible through the registry.

The LMO Registry is available on-line at <http://bch.biodiv.org/organisms/>.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many governments and organizations that have been making their information available through the BCH. I encourage you to send any feedback and suggestions for improvement of the Biosafety Clearing-House to the Secretariat through [bch@biodiv.org](mailto:bch@biodiv.org), or to contact Kirsty Galloway McLean directly (tel: +1 514 287-7039).

Yours sincerely,

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