



Convention on
Biological Diversity



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NOTIFICATION

Submission of information on experience gained with respect to identification of living modified organisms intended for direct use as food or feed or for processing (LMOs-FFP)

Decision BS-III/10 paragraph 2(a) of Article 18 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

Madam/Sir,

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP), in paragraph 1 of its decision BS-III/10, requested Parties and urged other Governments to take measures to ensure that existing documentation or documentation required by domestic regulatory framework accompany shipments of LMOs-FFP to fulfil the identification requirements particularly those specified in paragraph 4 of the decision.

Paragraph 2 of decision BS-III/10 calls for the submission of information on experience gained with the use of the documentation referred to above to the Executive Secretary.

Furthermore, the COP-MOP decided to review and assess, at its fifth meeting, experience gained with the implementation of paragraph 4 including an examination of capacity-building efforts in developing countries (paragraphs 7 and 8 of decision BS-III/10). Paragraph 4 of the decision has been reproduced in the annex to this notification for ease of reference.

Accordingly, Parties, other Governments, regional and international organizations and interested stakeholders **are invited to submit information on experience gained with:**

- i) The use of documentation referred to in paragraph 1 of decision BS-III/10; and**
- ii) The implementation of paragraph 4 of the decision, including capacity-building efforts in developing countries made with respect to the implementation of the requirements of paragraph 4.**

To : Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety National Focal Points
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I would greatly appreciate it if the submissions reach the Secretariat as soon as possible, but **no later than 31 January 2010**.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support for the work of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

Annex
Paragraph 4 of Decision BS-III/10

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety,

4. *Requests* Parties to the Protocol and urges other Governments to take measures ensuring that documentation accompanying living modified organisms intended for direct use as food or feed, or for processing, in commercial production and authorized in accordance with domestic regulatory frameworks, is in compliance with the requirements of the country of import, and clearly states:

- (a) In cases where the identity of the living modified organisms is known through means such as identity preservation systems, that the shipment contains living modified organisms that are intended for direct use as food or feed, or for processing;
- (b) In cases where the identity of the living modified organisms is not known through means such as identity preservation systems, that the shipment may contain one or more living modified organisms that are intended for direct use as food or feed, or for processing;
- (c) That the living modified organisms are not intended for intentional introduction into the environment;
- (d) The common, scientific and, where available, commercial names of the living modified organisms;
- (e) The transformation event code of the living modified organisms or, where available, as a key to accessing information in the Biosafety Clearing-House, its unique identifier code;
- (f) The Internet address of the Biosafety Clearing-House for further information;

and *notes* that in accordance with Article 24 of the Protocol, transboundary movements of living modified organisms between Parties and non-Parties shall be consistent with the objective of the Protocol, and *further notes* that the specific requirements set out in this paragraph do not apply to such movements. In addition, in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 24, Parties shall encourage non-Parties to adhere to the Protocol;