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NOTIFICATION

Extension of deadline: Testing of the “Guidance on Risk Assessment of Living Modified Organisms” in actual cases of risk assessment

Dear Madam/Sir,

Reference is made to notification 2013-048, inviting Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to undertake the testing of the Guidance on Risk Assessment of Living Modified Organisms through their risk assessors and other experts who are actively involved in risk assessment.

In order to give Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations further opportunity to submit their views and inputs, and to enable the Open-Ended Online Forum and the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on Risk Assessment and Risk Management to assist the Executive Secretary in the analysis of the results of the testing, the deadline for submission of completed online questionnaire is being **extended to 31 March 2014**.

A questionnaire to structure and focus the testing process and technical information to facilitate the submission of the testing results are available online through the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH) at http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/testing_guidance_RA.shtml.

The questionnaire for the reporting of the results of the testing initiatives by Parties and other Governments is to be submitted by their respective BCH Focal Point through the link above. The Head Offices of organizations are invited to contact the Secretariat at secretariat@cbd.int to indicate a contact person who will submit the questionnaire on their behalf. Organizations wishing to submit the result of their testing initiatives must be registered in the BCH.

Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations are to submit one completed questionnaire each as the result of their testing initiatives.

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

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To: BCH Focal Points, National Focal Points of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CBD when no CPB designated), Relevant Organizations



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