



N O T I F I C A T I O N

Submission of information related to the detection and identification of living modified organisms in the context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

Dear Sir or Madam,

In decision [CP-11/8](#), the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety invited Parties, other Governments, participants of the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms, developers and relevant organizations to submit technical reference documents and other materials related to new quantitative polymerase chain reaction techniques, digital polymerase chain reaction, next-generation sequencing and isothermal amplification techniques, with a view to complement and update future editions of the *Training Manual on the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms in the Context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety*. The information submitted in response to this request will be compiled by the Secretariat and made available through the Biosafety Clearing-House for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol at its twelfth meeting. The decision also invites Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to share and make available, through the Biosafety Clearing-House, training materials and reference publications.

Accordingly, I am pleased to invite Parties, other Governments, participants of the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms, developers and relevant organizations to submit:

Technical reference documents

Pursuant to paragraph 1 of decision [CP-11/8](#), technical reference documents and other materials related to the detection and identification of living modified organisms should be submitted through the Biosafety Clearing-House using the Submission (SUB) common format, accessible at the following link: <https://bch.cbd.int/en/register/SUB/new>. Full instructions on how to upload submissions are provided [here](#).

Submissions should be accompanied by an official letter. In the case of Parties, the letter should be endorsed by the national focal point of the Cartagena Protocol. In the case of organizations, the letter should be endorsed by the Head of the organization.

Submissions should be related to one of the following areas:

- (a) New quantitative polymerase chain reaction techniques;
- (b) Digital polymerase chain reaction;
- (c) Next-generation sequencing;
- (d) Isothermal amplification techniques.

For any publication that you may want to share as part of your submission, kindly include:

- (a) Name of publication(s), author, date and DOI or URL link;
- (b) Attach in pdf format any publication you have listed above.

To: Cartagena Protocol national focal points, CBD national focal points (where CPB focal points have not yet been designated), BCH national focal points, and relevant organizations



Training materials and reference documents

Pursuant to paragraph 3 of decision [CP-11/8](#), I would like to invite Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to also share and make available through the Biosafety Clearing-House, training materials and reference publications using the Virtual Library Resource (VLR) common format, accessible at: <https://bch.cbd.int/en/register/VLR/new>.

Kindly submit the information as soon as possible but no later than **13 March 2026**.

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

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

(*Signed*) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary