

Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH)

COMPETENT NATIONAL AUTHORITY (CNA)

BCH-CNA-KE-115509-2

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General information

Country

[Kenya](#)

PARTY TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

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Name of the Competent National Authority

Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service

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RELATED ORGANIZATION

Responsibilities

Administrative functions

Other

Advises the National Biosafety Authority during the review of plant-based GMO applications. Together with the National Biosafety Authority, the Agency supervises the movement of plant-based GM materials between trials and facilities.

Issuance of import, export or transit permits for plant based GMOs.

Together with the National Biosafety Authority, the Agency Inspects and audits of trial sites to ensure adherence to the approval conditions.

The Agency submits monitoring reports on GMOs released to the environment.

Types of organism(s) under its responsibility

Other

Micro-organisms

Short description of the regulatory functions

Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS) is a regulatory agency whose responsibility is to assure the quality of agricultural inputs and produce to prevent adverse impact on the economy, the environment and human health. It has the following functions:

- Release of plant varieties.
- Grant of plant breeders right (s).
- Sampling and testing of seeds, plants and regulated articles.
- Issues import permits and export certificates for plant material including seed, grain, propagating material.
- Inspections of Quarantine facilities for plant Certification before Importation.
- Participation in Institutional Biosafety committees.

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Further Information

Questions about the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety or the operation of the Biosafety Clearing-House may be directed to the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

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