

Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH)

COUNTRY'S DECISION OR ANY OTHER COMMUNICATION (DEC)

BCH-DEC-DE-111649-3

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Amendment

Is this an amendment to a decision or communication already published on the BCH?

No

General information

Country

Germany

PARTY TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 18 FEB 2004

Competent National Authority(ies) responsible for the decision or communication

- **COMPETENT NATIONAL AUTHORITY:** BCH-CNA-DE-12096-6 | [BCH-CNA-DE-12096-6](#)

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Title / Reference number of the decision or communication

6786-01-0041 (adv. 42010.0041); Decision regarding the risk assessment of a deliberate release (field trial) of genetically modified tobacco (*Nicotiana tabacum* L.) XynZ No 34 and XynZ No 46, issued by the German Competent Authority

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Date of the decision

04 Apr 1996

Is the decision taken prior to entry into force of the Protocol?

Yes

Subject of the decision, notification, communication or declaration

Decision on LMOs for intentional introduction into the environment (according to Article 10 or domestic regulatory framework)

LMOs for intentional introduction into the environment

Was the decision triggered by a request for a transboundary movement of LMOs into your country?

No

Does the decision apply to transboundary movements of LMO(s) into the country?

No

Applicant's contact details

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Does the decision involve field trials?

Yes

Does the decision involve commercial release?

No

Will the decision apply to subsequent introductions of the same LMO(s) into the environment?

No

Result of the decision

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Approval of the import and/or use of the LMO(s) with conditions

Conditions

If the tobacco plants are left to flower, a 200 m distance has to be kept to other flowering tobacco plants. Inflorescences removed from the transgenic plants have to be kept safe from

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insects and destroyed.

Reasons

To comply with requirements of Directive 90/220/EEC, Gentechnikgesetz (German Gene Technology Act): reduce possibility of GMO spread/establishment.

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Information sharing with other databases

Is this decision related to an LMO for commercial use?

No

Should this decision be forwarded to the OECD Secretariat for possible inclusion in the [BioTrack Product Database](#)?

No

Is this decision related to food safety?

No

Was it conducted in accordance with the Codex Alimentarius *Guideline for the Conduct of Food Safety Assessment of Foods Derived from Recombinant-DNA Plants*?

No

Should this information be forwarded to the Secretariat of the [FAO GM Foods Platform](#)?

No

LMO identification & risk assessment

LMO identification

[BCH-LMO-SCBD-111621-1](#) LIVING MODIFIED ORGANISM | TOBACCO MODIFIED FOR XYLANASE PRODUCTION |

Institut für Pflanzengenetik und Kulturpflanzenforschung | Resistance to antibiotics (Kanamycin, Neomycin), Use in industrial applications

Risk assessment

[BCH-RA-DE-111648-3](#) RISK ASSESSMENT GENERATED BY A REGULATORY PROCESS | 6786-01-0041 (ADV. 42010.0041); SUMMARY OF THE RISK ASSESSMENT OF A DELIBERATE RELEASE (FIELD TRIAL) OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED TOBACCO (NICOTIANA TABACUM L.) XYNZ NO 34 AND XYNZ NO 46, ISSUED BY THE GERMAN COMPETENT AUTHORITY |

Tobacco modified for xylanase production | Resistance to antibiotics, Use in industrial applications

Document on the decision, communication, notification or declaration

? [BVL database on field trials in Germany \(German language only\)](#) ([English](#))

? [BVL-Datenbank zu Freisetzungsvorhaben in Deutschland](#) ()

Additional Information

- type of decision: field trial
 - LMO: XynZ No 34 und XynZ No 46
 - legal basis: Directive 90/220/EEC, Gentechnikgesetz (German Gene Technology Act)
 - scope: test of field performance of LMO
 - authorization valid from 04 April 1996 to 31 December 1997
 - locations: 1 experimental field located in 1 village in Germany; for details refer to the German LMO/GMO location register (https://apps2.bvl.bund.de/stareg_web/localeSwitch.do?language=en&page=/showflaechen.do?)
 - size: 575 m²/site/year;
 - max. 400 LMO/site/year
- There is no Summary Notification Information Format available on the Internet (WebSNIF) B/DE/96/41

The decision on this deliberate release was made by the Robert Koch Institute (RKI). The RKI was the competent national authority for the German Gene Technology Act before the competences were transferred to the Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (Bundesamt für Verbraucherschutz und Lebensmittelsicherheit, BVL) on April 1st 2004. Deliberate releases that were authorized by the RKI prior to this date are now handled by the BVL.

Other relevant website addresses and/or attached documents

- ? [BVL german LMO/GMO location register](#) (*English*)
- ? [Deutsches GMO-Standortregister des BVL](#) ()
- ? [6786-01-0041 \(bzw. 42010.0041\); Zusammenfassung der Risikobewertung eines Freisetzungsvorhabens \(Feldversuch\) mit gentechnisch veränderten Tabakpflanzen \(Nicotiana tabacum L.\) XynZ Nr. 34 und XynZ Nr. 46, erstellt durch die deutsche zuständige Behörde](#) ()
- ? [6786-01-0041 \(adv. 42010.0041\); Summary of the risk assessment of a deliberate release \(field trial\) of genetically modified tobacco \(Nicotiana tabacum L.\) XynZ No 34 and XynZ No 46, issued by the German Competent Authority \(courtesy translation; only the German text is authentic\)](#) (*English*)

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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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