

## Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH)

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### Amendment

Is this an amendment to a law, regulation, guideline or agreement already published on the BCH?

No

### General information

Country submitting a law, regulation, guideline or agreement

Germany

Title

Synthetic Biology 3rd interim Report of the German Central Committee on Biological Safety (ZKBS)

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### Legislative details

Type of Law / Regulation

Regulatory summary / National Biosafety Framework

Area of jurisdiction

National / Federal

Subject areas

Public awareness and participation  
Risk assessment and management

Types of organisms addressed

All types of organisms

Brief description of the document including objective and scope

In this third interim report on synthetic biology the Central Committee on Biological Safety (ZKBS) summarizes the publications from June 2018 to the end of 2021 in the individual research fields of synthetic biology. It comes to the concluding assessment that no new hazards to biological safety are currently to be expected.

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Date of entry into force

01 Jul 2022

## Document details

### Document text

? [3. Zwischenbericht der Zentralen Kommission für die Biologische Sicherheit \(ZKBS\) Zeitraum: Juni 2018 – Dezember 2021 \[ German \]](#)

? [3rd Interim report of the Central Committee on Biological Safety Period: June 2018 - December 2021 \[ English \]](#)

## Regulatory contact information

Competent National Authority(ies) and/or Supplementary Protocol Competent Authority(ies)

- [COMPETENT NATIONAL AUTHORITY: BCH-CNA-DE-12096-7](#) | [BCH-CNA-DE-12096-7](#)

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## Additional Information

The Central Committee of Biological Safety (ZKBS) is an expert scientific committee made up of 20 members and 20 deputy members, who represent different specialist areas or spheres of corporate interest. Its offices are based at the Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL). Its members and deputy members are appointed by the Federal Ministry for Food and Agriculture (Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft, BMEL) for three years. The ZKBS evaluates GMOs for possible risk potential, assigns genetic engineering operations to a biosafety level and recommends suitable safety measures. The german federal states obtain ZKBS position statements for genetic engineering operations in safety categories 3 and 4 and for operations in a lower safety category, whose classification is not clear. The ZKBS also evaluates approval applications for releases and for the placing of GMOs on the market and also issues a report to the BVL. An activity report is published annually.

Other relevant website addresses and/or attached documents

? [Internetseiten der ZKBS \[ German \]](#)

? [ZKBS Homepage \[ English \]](#)

## 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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