

Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH)

BIOSAFETY LAW, REGULATION, GUIDELINES AND AGREEMENTS (LAW)

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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

Malta

Title

Deliberate Release into the Environment of Genetically Modified Organisms Regulations
(S.L. 549.60)

EN

Legislative details

Type of Law / Regulation

Regulation or administrative measure

Area of jurisdiction

National / Federal

Subject areas

Competent National Authorities and National Focal Points
Confidential Information
Handling, transport, packaging and identification
Human and/or Animal Health
Illegal transboundary movements
Public awareness and participation
Risk assessment and management
Transit
Unintentional transboundary movements and emergency measures

Types of organisms addressed

All types of organisms

Brief description of the document including objective and scope

In accordance with the precautionary principle, the objective of this subsidiary legislation is to provide for the protection of human health and the environment when:

- (a) carrying out the deliberate release into the environment of genetically modified organisms for any other purposes than placing on the market within Malta,
- (b) placing on the market genetically modified organisms as or in products within Malta.

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Its scope is to adopt a step-by-step approval process on a case-by-case assessment of the risks to human health and the environment before any GMO can be released into the environment.

Date of entry into force

16 Nov 2010

Document details

Document text

[S.L.549.60 \[English \]](#)

[S.L. 549.60.pdf \[English \]](#)

Unofficial Documents

[Deliberate release of GMOs - ERA website \[English \]](#)

[Deliberate Release of GMOs in the Environment - ERA website \[English \]](#)

Regulatory contact information

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

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Further Information

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