

## Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH)

BIOSAFETY ORGANIZATION (ORG)

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## Central Committee on Biological Safety (ZKBS)

Name of the organization

Central Committee on Biological Safety

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Acronym

ZKBS

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Address of the organization

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## Detailed information

Type of organization

Government agency (National/Federal)

Areas of work

- Risk assessment of GMO
- assignment of containment levels to genetic engineering operations
- determination of safety measures for genetic engineering facilities
- risk assessment of the deliberate release and placing on the market of GMO

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#### CBD Thematic areas

Biosafety and Biotechnology  
Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

#### Organization's profile

The Central Committee on Biological Safety (ZKBS) is a voluntary expert panel responsible for evaluating genetically modified organisms (GMOs) with regard to the potential risks posed to humans, animals and the environment. The ZKBS advises decisions-makers in policy and administration.

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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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