



Ready Reference Common Acronyms

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Acronym	Explanation
AIA	Advance Informed Agreement procedure
BCH	Biosafety Clearing-House
BCH-CP	Central Portal of the Biosafety Clearing-House
BIRC	Biosafety Information Resource Centre
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity (i.e. parent body to the Biosafety Protocol)
CNA	Competent National Authority
COP-MOP	Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (i.e. governing body of the Protocol)
CPB	Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (the "Biosafety Protocol")
CV	Controlled vocabulary (i.e. subset of BCH Thesaurus)
GMO	Genetically modified organism
LMO	Living modified organism (broadly equivalent to genetically modified organism, or GMO)
LMO-FFP	Living modified organism intended for direct use as food or feed, or for processing
nBCH	National node of the Biosafety Clearing-House
NAU	National Authorized User
NBF	National biosafety framework
NFP	National Focal Point
RDF	Resource Description Framework
SCBD	Secretariat to the Convention on Biological Diversity
UID	Unique identification
UNEP-GEF	United Nations Environment Program Division of the Global Environment Facility
XML	Extensible Markup Language