



BCH Training Workshop

Additional Exercises

Exercise A – Role of the BCH
Offline Exercise

- Q1. What is the role of the BCH?**
- Q2. What are some types of information that can be found in the BCH?**
- Q3. What are some of the benefits of having a BCH?**
- Q4. What are some of the obligations for Parties to keep the BCH operational?**
- Q5. How is the BCH important to you?**

Exercise B – Registration of a BCH-NFP

Offline exercise

Scenario: You have been newly appointed as the BCH Focal Point for your country and you have identified two people to assist you in entering information into the databases.

Activity:

- Identify what you need to do to advise other Parties that you are the BCH NFP and get a BCH account.
- Identify what you need to do to register your assistants and get them a BCH account.

Exercise C: Information Timeframes
Offline exercise

Activity: Match up each information type listed in the table below with the corresponding timeframe within which it should be reported to the BCH.

A.	A decision regarding the regulated transit of genetically modified cottonseed through a Party's territory.
B.	A decision allowing the domestic sale of imported genetically modified papaya as food.
C.	A national law applicable to the import of LMOs for use as animal feed.
D.	Review of a decision that initially approved import and planting of herbicide-tolerant cotton for one year; revision extends the decision for the next two years.
E.	Information on a specific gene sequence that has been identified by a notifier to be treated as confidential.
F.	The unintentional import and planting of several genetically modified Eucalyptus trees.
G.	A decision to allow import and release of genetically modified tomatoes to be planted in an open field.
H.	The full text of the environmental review undertaken prior to releasing genetically modified herbicide tolerant canola for planting.
I.	The name and address of the authority with responsibility for approving imports of LMOs for release into the environment

1.	Reporting this information to the BCH is not required under the Protocol.
2.	Within 270 days of receipt of notification that the organism is to be exported.
3.	Within 15 days.
4.	As soon as the Party knows of the situation.
5.	No later than the date of entry into force of the Protocol for the Party
6.	As soon as is practicable (no time limit is specified in the Protocol).
7.	Within 30 days.
8.	Reporting this information to the BCH is voluntary but within a Party's rights.
9.	This information should not be made available through the BCH.

Exercise D: BCH Mailing List

Offline exercise

Background: All BCH National Focal Points are automatically subscribed to the BCH Mailing List, through which they receive notifications of new information as it is added to the BCH.

Q1. How can the BCH Mailing List assist the BCH National Focal Points?

Q2. With whom should a BCH National Focal Point share this information?

Q3. What mechanisms could a BCH National Focal Point use to share this information ?

Exercise E – Retrieve a forgotten password
BCH Training Site

Scenario: You have just come back from your summer holiday and have forgotten your BCH password.

Activity: Get a new password to access the BCH.

Exercise F – Building an information network
Offline exercise

Scenario: As BCH National Focal Point, you are responsible for collecting information from three Competent National Authorities (contact details; decisions and risk assessments) and two government departments (laws and bilateral agreements).

Activity: How could you best create an information network to assist you in collecting the information you require?