



### **CASE STUDY 7:**

#### **A Customs Officer seeks information about the importation of LMOs**

#### **Objective:**

Use the BCH Central Portal to access information that might be needed during border control.

#### **References :**

Biosafety Protocol

BCH Module 4: Finding information in the BCH Central Portal

COP-MOP Decision BS-III/10

#### **Scenario:**

A new customs officer in Hungary receives documentation about a shipment of maize that has arrived from a Latin American port. The maize was sourced from Argentina and Brazil, and is destined for food processing in Hungary. The customs officer is unsure if this shipment triggers any specific concerns as regards the importation of LMOs.

Use the BCH and the Protocol to answer the following questions:

- 1, Who should the customs officer contact to seek clarification about Hungary's import requirements for LMOs?
2. Will this shipment be the subject to the provisions of the Cartagena Protocol?
3. What information should be available about the LMO?
4. What information should the customs officer expect to see on the documentation accompanying the maize shipment?



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## TRAINER NOTES

### Training Objective:

Users to practice searching for national contacts, decisions and organisms, and to use the BCH as a tool to support border control.

### Requirements:

Access to the BCH.

### Notes:

**Teachable Moment:** The BCH is continually updated which means that the records recovered when working through the case studies will change with time. As a trainer, it is important to ensure that you revisit the case studies you will be using during your training workshops to ensure that they are as current as possible.

**Teachable Moment:** Parties and non-Parties: Discuss the fact that Brazil is a Party to the Protocol and therefore has to provide information, but that Argentina is not a Party and therefore is not *required* to provide the information on the BCH.

**Teachable Moment:** This is a good opportunity to reference the LMO Quick-links (<https://bch.cbd.int/resources/quicklinks.shtml>). They are small image files, which can be easily copied and pasted, that identify an LMO through its unique identifier, trade name and a link to the BCH where information on the LMO is available (e.g. LMO characteristics, countries' decisions, risk assessments, etc.). Through the *LMO Quick-links* the BCH page can be easily accessed by either scanning the barcode or by typing the URL in a web browser.