



Ready Reference

A Guide to BCH Record Types

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National Contacts	
National Focal Points	Individuals or institutions responsible for managing communication between their government and the CBD Secretariat, and members of the public.
Competent National Authorities	Authorities responsible for performing the administrative functions required by the Protocol.
National Biosafety Websites and Databases	Online resources maintained as official sources of information by a national government.
Laws and regulations	
National guideline	A national guideline is intended to assist with providing ways of complying with national laws, and national regulations.
National law	A national law is a law that has been passed by the national legislative body of a country's government.
National regulation	In most jurisdictions, a national regulation is 'subordinate legislation', usually of an administrative nature, that is authorized by a national law.
Regional agreement or arrangement	Any regional agreements and arrangements between governments to implement provisions of the Protocol.
Decisions and declarations	
Decisions under AIA	Decisions on intentional release into the environment under the Advance Informed Agreement procedure (AIA)
Decisions under Article 11	Decisions on LMOs for direct use as food or feed, or for processing, including placing on the market, and decisions related to import.
Other decisions and declarations	Includes notifications of illegal or unintentional transboundary movement, decisions under the simplified procedure, domestic regulations, field trials not covered by the AIA procedure, decisions prior to entry into force of the Protocol, decisions on transit and contained use, and declarations made on ratification of the Protocol.



Risk assessments	
Risk assessments	Summaries of risk assessments or environmental reviews taken in accordance with Annex III of the Protocol.
Organisms	
LMO Registry	Summary information about all LMOs registered with the BCH.
Gene registry	Summary information about gene inserts.
LMO database	All LMO records in the BCH (includes national duplicates).
Capacity-building activities	
Capacity-building needs and priorities	National and regional capacity-building needs and priorities required to implement the Biosafety Protocol that have been identified and categorized in line with the elements of the capacity-building action plan.
Capacity-building opportunities	Includes information on available or upcoming capacity-building opportunities, such as: technical assistance, scholarships and fellowships, personnel exchange/internships, scientific and technical cooperation, partnerships, discussion forums, professional networks, and others. Opportunities are typically short-term.
Capacity-building projects	Includes information on various ongoing biosafety capacity building projects and other relevant initiatives, such as the UNEP/GEF project on development of national biosafety frameworks. Each record contains basic information about each project/initiative, including: its status and location, the lead organization(s) and contacts, funding details, objectives and activities, main outcomes, lessons learned and a brief description. Projects are typically long-term (i.e. duration of 6 months or more.)
Outcomes and Lessons Learned	Summaries of the reports from completed capacity-building activities.
Biosafety Courses	Biosafety education and training programs with academic accreditation.



Roster of experts	
Expert Roster	Details of biosafety experts who have been nominated by a government as an expert in their field.
Report on Expert Assignment	Reports on the assignments undertaken by Biosafety Experts contacted through the Roster.
Information Sharing	
Biosafety Information Resources	Biosafety-related publications and information resources.
Biosafety Organizations	Directory of organizations involved in activities relevant to implementation of the Protocol.
Country Profile	Summary information about a country, including ratification status and information being reported to the BCH.
Reporting	
National Reports	National reports on measures taken to implement the Protocol.
BCH Annual Reports	Annual review of BCH operations.
Roster of Experts Annual Reports	Annual review of the Roster of Experts and the operation of the voluntary fund for its use.