



CASE STUDY 24:

An inspection agent discovers an unapproved genetically modified crop

Objective:

To use the BCH to fulfil reporting obligations for an unapproved release

References:

BCH Module 6: Registering information

Scenario:

You are the BCH Focal Point for Egypt. A Government inspection agent has reported that they have discovered a crop of genetically modified flax (linseed) growing on the outskirts of Cairo, although no GM flax has been authorized for introduction into the environment in your country. Laboratory tests have determined that this crop is tolerant to the herbicide sufonylurea and a nearby university has confirmed that it recently imported some flax seeds from the University of Saskatchewan with the transformation event FP967 for the intent of laboratory use, without getting any approvals. The Nature Conservation Sector of the Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency has contacted the owners of the field and requested that the field be burned and samples will be taken from flax crops in the surrounding area. Your task is to fulfil any information-sharing obligations you may have with the BCH.

Important note:

Please be sure that you are using the
BCH Training Database
for this exercise!