

Annex

**UPDATED DRAFT FORMAT FOR THE FOURTH NATIONAL REPORT UNDER THE  
CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY**

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12. If your country is not a Party to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CPB), is there any national process in place towards becoming a Party?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
13. Here you may provide further details:	

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<b>Article 2 – General provisions</b>	
<i>Article 2 requires each Party to take the necessary and appropriate legal, administrative and other measures to implement its obligations under the Protocol</i>	
14. Has your country introduced the necessary national measures for the implementation of the Protocol?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National measures are fully in place <input type="checkbox"/> National measures are partially in place <input type="checkbox"/> Only temporary measures have been introduced <input type="checkbox"/> Only draft measures exist <input type="checkbox"/> No measures have yet been taken
15. Which specific instruments are in place for the implementation of national biosafety measures?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One or more national biosafety laws <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One or more national biosafety regulations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One or more sets of biosafety guidelines <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other laws, regulations or guidelines that indirectly apply to biosafety <input type="checkbox"/> No instruments are in place
16. Has your country undertaken initiatives to mainstream biosafety into national biodiversity strategies and action plans, other policies, or legislation?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes In the Czech Republic, biosafety principles have been reflected in the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategy for Sustainable Development,</li> <li>• State Environmental Policy,</li> <li>• State Programme of Nature Conservation and Landscape Protection,</li> <li>• National Biodiversity Strategy,</li> <li>• Food Safety Strategy,</li> <li>• Action Plan on Health and the Environment,</li> <li>• State Programme of Environmental Education and Public Awareness</li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other: [Please specify]
17. Has your country established a mechanism for budget allocations for the operation of its national biosafety measures?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, to some extent: [Please specify] <input type="checkbox"/> No
18. Does your country have permanent staff to administer functions directly related to biosafety?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
19. If you answered Yes to question 18, how many permanent staff members are in place	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 to 4

whose functions are directly related to biosafety ?	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 to 9 <input type="checkbox"/> 10 or more Is this number adequate: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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20. Here you may provide further details on the implementation of Article 2 in your country:

The Czech Republic is a member state of the European Union, therefore the Czech legislative framework has been harmonised with the European Union legislation. The EU legislation is listed and described in the National Report of the European Union.

In the Czech Republic, the first basic national legal instrument regarding the use of GMOs was adopted in 2000. Since February 2004, the Act 78/2004, on the Use of Genetically Modified Organisms and Genetic Products, as amended, with an implementing Decree 209/2004 have been in force. The Act transposes EU Directives 2001/18/EC and 2009/41/EC, therefore it covers the contained use, deliberate release of GMOs into the environment (field trials) and placing on the market of GMOs as or in products. It has been in force since 2004.

General rules on the co-existence of GM crops with conventional and organic farming are set by the Act 252/1997, on Agriculture, as amended, and specified by the Decree 89/2006, on detailed conditions for growing a genetically modified variety, as amended.

Q15: A new amendment of the Decree 209/2004 is in pipeline, covering the latest development in the area of medicinal products containing or consisting of GMOs.

**Article 5 – Pharmaceuticals**

21. Does your country regulate the transboundary movement, handling or use of living modified organisms (LMOs) which are pharmaceuticals to humans?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, to some extent: [Please specify] <input type="checkbox"/> No
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22. Here you may provide further details on the implementation of Article 5 in your country:

No changes have been set up since the previous report submitted in 2015.

EU pharma legislation provides that a medicinal product may only be placed on the market in the EU if it has received a marketing authorisation, granted either by the European Commission or by a member state. As regards medicinal products containing or consisting of GMOs, the assessment for a marketing authorisation must include an environmental risk assessment in line with the requirements of Directive 2001/18/EC. Regulation 1946/2003 mirrors the provisions of the Protocol as regards exports of pharmaceuticals.

**Article 6 – Transit and contained use**

23. Does your country regulate the transit of LMOs?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, to some extent: [Please specify] <input type="checkbox"/> No
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24. Does your country regulate the contained use of LMOs?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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<p>25. Has your country taken a decision concerning the import of LMOs for contained use?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>26. Here you may provide further details on the implementation of Article 6 in your country: No changes have been set up since the previous report submitted in 2015. Act 78/2004, on the Use of Genetically Modified Organisms and Genetic Products, as amended, and its implementing Decree 209/2004, on Detailed Conditions for the Use of Genetically Modified Organisms and Genetic Products, as amended, transpose Directive 2009/41/EC on the contained use of genetically modified micro-organisms, and covers contained use of other GM organisms (plants and animals) as well. - Transit: Act 78/2004, on the Use of Genetically Modified Organisms and Genetic Products, as amended and its implementing Decree 209/2044, on Detailed Conditions for the Use of Genetically Modified Organisms and Genetic Products, as amended, apply also for export, import and transit of GMOs and genetic products. EU Regulation 1946/2003 that is directly applicable in the Czech Republic, addresses transboundary movement of GMOs, and specifically sets requirements for exports of GMOs to third countries.</p>	

<p align="center"><b>Articles 7 to 10: Advance informed agreement (AIA) and intentional introduction of LMOs into the environment</b></p>	
<p>27. Has your country established legal requirements for exporters under its jurisdiction to notify in writing the competent national authority of the Party of import prior to the intentional transboundary movement of an LMO that falls within the scope of the AIA procedure?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, to some extent: [Please specify] <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>28. When acting as the Party of export, has your country established legal requirements for the accuracy of information contained in the notification provided by the exporter?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, to some extent: [Please specify] <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable (Party currently not exporting LMOs)</p>
<p>29. In the current reporting period, has your country received a notification regarding intentional transboundary movements of LMOs for intentional introduction into the environment?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>30. If you answered <i>Yes</i> to question 29, did the notification(s) contain complete information (at a minimum the information specified in Annex I to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety)?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, always <input type="checkbox"/> In some cases only <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>31. If you answered <i>Yes</i> to question 29, has your country acknowledged receipt of the</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, always <input type="checkbox"/> In some cases only</p>

notification(s) to the notifier within ninety days of receipt?	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>32. If you answered <i>Yes</i> to question 29, has your country informed of its decision(s):</p> <p>a. The notifier?</p> <p>b. The Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH)?</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, always  <input type="checkbox"/> In some cases only  <input type="checkbox"/> No         </p> <hr/> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, always  <input type="checkbox"/> In some cases only  <input type="checkbox"/> No         </p>
<p>33. In the current reporting period, has your country taken a decision in response to the notification(s) regarding intentional transboundary movements of LMOs for intentional introduction into the environment?</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No         </p>
<p>34. If you answered <i>Yes</i> to question 33, how many LMOs has your country approved for import for intentional introduction into the environment?</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> None  <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 4  <input type="checkbox"/> 5 to 9  <input type="checkbox"/> 10 or more         </p>
<p>35. If you answered <i>under question 34</i> that <i>LMOs were approved</i>, have all these LMOs actually been imported into your country?</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, always  <input type="checkbox"/> In some cases only  <input type="checkbox"/> No         </p>
<p>36. If you answered <i>Yes</i> to question 33, what percentage of your country's decisions fall into the following categories?</p>	<p>           [ %] Approval of the import/use of the LMO(s) without conditions            [ %] Approval of the import/use of the LMO(s) with conditions            [ %] Prohibition of the import/use of the LMO(s)            [ %] Request for additional relevant information            [ %] Inform the notifier that the period for communicating the decision has been extended         </p>
<p>37. If you answered <i>under question 36</i> that your country has taken a decision to <i>approve the import with conditions</i> or to <i>prohibit the import</i>, were the reasons provided?</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, always  <input type="checkbox"/> In some cases only  <input type="checkbox"/> No         </p>
<p>38. Here you may provide further details on the implementation of Articles 7 to 10 in your country, including measures in case of lack of scientific certainty on potential adverse effects of LMOs for intentional introduction to the environment:</p>	

No changes have been set up since the previous report submitted in 2015.

Since its accession to the European Union in May 2004, the Czech Republic has applied the EU legislative framework as described in the EU National Report.

Notifications for placing GMOs on the market are processed at EU level. The EU legislation sets requirements for the information to be contained in notification dossiers. The authorisation procedure involves all EU Member States, as authorised products are granted free movement throughout the EU territory. The final decision is adopted by voting of all Member States.

Applications for intentional introduction of GMO into the environment for other purposes than placing on the market (experimental release, field trials) are submitted and processed at the national level. The authorisations are issued by the Czech Competent Authority. These cases have not involved transboundary movements so far.

**Article 11 – Procedure for living modified organisms  
intended for direct use as food or feed, or for processing (LMOs-FFP)**

<p>39. Does your country have law(s), regulation(s) or administrative measures for decision-making regarding domestic use, including placing on the market, of LMOs that may be subject to transboundary movement for direct use as food or feed, or for processing?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>40. Has your country established legal requirements for the accuracy of information to be provided by the applicant regarding the domestic use, including placing on the market, of LMOs that may be subject to transboundary movement for direct use as food or feed, or for processing?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, to some extent: [Please specify] <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>41. In the current reporting period, how many decisions has your country taken <u>regarding domestic use</u>, including placing on the market, of LMOs that may be subject to transboundary movement for direct use as food or feed, or for processing?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 to 9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10 or more</p>
<p>42. Does your country have law(s), regulation(s) or administrative measures for decision-making regarding the import of LMOs for direct use as food or feed, or for processing?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>43. In the current reporting period, how many decisions has your country taken <u>regarding the import</u> of LMOs for direct use as food or feed, or for processing?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 to 9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10 or more</p>
<p>44. Here you may provide further details on the implementation of Article 11 in your country, including measures in case of lack of scientific certainty on potential adverse effects of LMOs that may be subject to transboundary movement for direct use as food or feed, or for processing:</p>	

<p>No substantial changes have been set up since the previous report submitted in 2015.</p> <p>It has to be noted that the import of GMOs intended for direct use for food or feed or for processing is covered by the directly applicable EU Regulations. Decisions for placing GMOs-FFP on the market in the European Union are taken at the EU level by all the Member States. The authorisations apply for the whole EU territory, the transport within the Union is not considered as import or export. The Czech Republic as a Member State participates in the assessment and decision-making procedures.</p> <p>All decisions are subsequently published by the European Commission in the European Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH) and not in the individual Member States' BCHs.</p>	
<p><b>Article 12 – Review of decision</b></p>	
<p>45. Has your country established a mechanism for the review and change of a decision regarding an intentional transboundary movement of LMOs?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, to some extent: [Please specify]</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>46. In the current reporting period, has your country reviewed and/or changed a decision regarding an intentional transboundary movement of an LMO?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>47. If you answered <i>Yes</i> to question 46, how many decisions were reviewed and/or changed?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 4</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 5 to 9</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 10 or more</p>
<p>48. If you answered <i>Yes</i> to question 46, were any of the reviews triggered by a request from the Party of export or the notifier?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>49. If you answered <i>Yes</i> to question 48, did your country provide a response within ninety days setting out the reasons for the decision?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, always</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In some cases only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>50. If you answered <i>Yes</i> to question 46, were any of the reviews initiated by your country as the Party of import?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>51. If you answered <i>Yes</i> to question 50, did your country, within thirty days, set out the reasons for the decision and inform:</p>	
<p>a. The notifier?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, always</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In some cases only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>b. The BCH?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, always</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In some cases only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>

<p>52. Here you may provide further details on the implementation of Article 12 in your country: The relevant provisions are set in Art 20 Directive 2001/18/EC and Art 21 and 22 of Regulation (EC)1829/2003</p>	
<p><b>Article 13 – Simplified procedure</b></p>	
<p>53. Has your country established a mechanism for the application of the simplified procedure regarding an intentional transboundary movement of LMOs?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, to some extent: [Please specify] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>54. In the current reporting period, has your country applied the simplified procedure?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>55. If you answered <i>Yes</i> to question 54, for how many LMOs has your country applied the simplified procedure?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 or more</p>
<p>56. If you answered <i>Yes</i> to question 54, has your country informed the Parties through the BCH of the cases where the simplified procedure was applied?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, always <input type="checkbox"/> In some cases only <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>57. Here you may provide further details on the implementation of Article 13 in your country: Czech republic as an EU member state has not made use of the simplified procedure for imports of LMOs as specified in Article 13.</p>	
<p><b>Article 14 – Bilateral, regional and multilateral agreements and arrangements</b></p>	
<p>58. How many bilateral, regional or multilateral agreements or arrangements relevant to biosafety has your country established with other Parties/non-Parties?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 to 9 <input type="checkbox"/> 10 or more</p>
<p>59. If you answered <i>under question 58</i> that <i>agreements or arrangements were established</i>, please provide a brief description of their scope and objective:</p>	
<p>60. Here you may provide further details on the implementation of Article 14 in your country: No changes have been set up since the previous report submitted in 2015. The Czech Republic as a Member State of the EU implements the EU legislative framework. Transport of goods within the E is not considered as import or export.</p>	

<b>Articles 15 &amp; 16 – Risk assessment and risk management</b>	
61. Does the domestic regulatory framework of your country require risk assessments of LMOs to be conducted?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
62. If you answered <i>Yes</i> to question 61, with regard to which LMOs does the requirement apply (select all that apply)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For imports of LMOs for intentional introduction into the environment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For imports of LMOs intended for direct use as food or feed, or for processing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For decisions regarding domestic use, including placing on the market, of LMOs that may be subject to transboundary movements for direct use as food or feed, or for processing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For imports of LMOs for contained use <input type="checkbox"/> Other: [Please specify]
63. Has your country established a mechanism to conduct risk assessments prior to taking decisions regarding LMOs?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, to some extent: [Please specify] <input type="checkbox"/> No
64. If you answered <i>Yes</i> to question 63, does the mechanism include procedures to identify and/or train national experts to conduct risk assessments?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<i>Capacity-building in risk assessment or risk management</i>	
65. How many people in your country have been trained in risk assessment, risk management and monitoring of LMOs?	
a. Risk assessment:	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10 to 49 <input type="checkbox"/> 50 to 99 <input type="checkbox"/> 100 or more Is this number adequate: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
b. Risk management:	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10 to 49 <input type="checkbox"/> 50 to 99 <input type="checkbox"/> 100 or more Is this number adequate: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

<p>c. Monitoring:</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> None  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 to 9  <input type="checkbox"/> 10 to 49  <input type="checkbox"/> 50 to 99  <input type="checkbox"/> 100 or more  <i>Is this number adequate:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No         </p>
<p>66. Is your country using training material and/or technical guidance for training in risk assessment and risk management of LMOs?</p>	<p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> No         </p>
<p>67. If you answered <i>Yes</i> to question 66, is your country using the “Manual on Risk Assessment of LMOs” (developed by the CBD Secretariat) for training in risk assessment?</p>	<p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> No         </p>
<p>68. If you answered <i>Yes</i> to question 66, is your country using the “Guidance on Risk Assessment of LMOs” (developed by the Online Forum and the AHTEG on Risk Assessment and Risk Management) for training in risk assessment?</p>	<p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> No         </p>
<p>69. Does your country have specific needs for further guidance on specific topics of risk assessment of LMOs?</p>	<p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes: LM fish, organisms developed through gene drive techniques  <input type="checkbox"/> No         </p>
<p>70. Does your country have the capacity to detect, identify, assess the risk of and/or monitor LMOs or specific traits that may have adverse effects on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, taking into account risks to human health?</p> <p>a. Detect:</p> <p>b. Identify:</p> <p>c. Assess the risk:</p> <p>d. Monitor:</p>	<p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> No         </p> <hr/> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> No         </p> <hr/> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> No         </p> <hr/> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> No         </p>
<p><i>Conducting risk assessment or risk management</i></p>	
<p>71. Has your country adopted or used any guidance documents for the purpose of conducting risk assessment or risk management, or for evaluating risk assessment reports submitted by notifiers?</p>	

<p>a. Risk assessment:</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>b. Risk management:</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>72. If you answered <i>Yes</i> to question 71, is your country using the “Guidance on Risk Assessment of LMOs” (developed by the Online Forum and the AHTEG on Risk Assessment and Risk Management) for conducting risk assessment or risk management, or for evaluating risk assessment reports submitted by notifiers?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>73. Has your country adopted common approaches or methodologies to risk assessment in coordination with other countries?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>74. Has your country cooperated with other Parties with a view to identifying LMOs or specific traits that may have adverse effects on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>75. In the current reporting period, has your country conducted any kind of risk assessment of LMOs, including for contained use, field trials, commercial purposes, direct use as food, feed, or for processing?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>76. If you answered <i>Yes</i> to question 75, how many risk assessments were conducted?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 9 <input type="checkbox"/> 10 to 49 <input type="checkbox"/> 50 to 99 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> More than 100</p>
<p>77. If you answered <i>Yes</i> to question 75, please indicate the scope of the risk assessments (select all that apply):</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LMOs for contained use (in accordance with Article 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LMOs for intentional introduction into the environment for experimental testing or field trials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LMOs for intentional introduction into the environment for commercial purposes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LMOs for direct use as food <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LMOs for direct use as feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LMOs for processing <input type="checkbox"/> Other: [Please specify]</p>

<p>78. If you answered <i>Yes</i> to question 75, were risk assessments conducted for all decisions taken on LMOs for intentional introduction into the environment or on domestic use of LMOs that may be subject to transboundary movement for direct use as food or feed, or for processing?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, always  <input type="checkbox"/> In some cases only  <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>79. Has your country established appropriate mechanisms, measures and strategies to regulate and manage risks identified in the risk assessment of LMOs?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>80. Has your country taken appropriate measures to prevent unintentional transboundary movements of LMOs, including such measures as requiring a risk assessment to be carried out prior to the first release of a LMO?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>81. Has your country taken measures to ensure that any LMO, whether imported or locally developed, undergoes an appropriate period of observation that is commensurate with its life-cycle or generation time before it is put to its intended use?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, to some extent: only in case of placing of LMOs on the market at EU level, not in the case of contained use nor deliberate release of LMOs into the environment (i.e. field trials)  <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>82. Has your country established a mechanism for monitoring potential effects of LMOs released into the environment?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, to some extent: [Please specify]  <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>83. Does your country have the necessary infrastructure (e.g. laboratory facilities) for monitoring or managing LMOs?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>84. Here you may provide further details on the implementation of Articles 15 and 16 in your country:</p> <p><b>Risk Assessment</b></p> <p>The European Union legal framework, based on a prior risk assessment before authorisation for the use of GMOs is given, and is applicable in the Czech Republic. The overarching aim of the environmental risk assessment is, on a case-by-case basis, to identify and evaluate potential adverse effects of the GMO, direct and indirect, immediate or delayed, on human health and the environment. Notifications for the use of GMOs must include a full assessment of the risks to human and animal health and to the environment, which is then reviewed by EU and/or national Authorities and experts.</p> <p>In case of placing the GMOs on the market, the review of the risk assessment is conducted at the EU level by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and EU Member States. Special procedure is applied in cases when the notification includes commercial cultivation. The Czech Ministry of Agriculture in close cooperation with its advisory body - the Scientific Committee for Genetically Modified Food and Feed - regularly participates in the European authorization</p>	

procedure for genetically modified crops intended for direct use as food or feed, or for processing, under EU Regulation 1829/2003.

As regards the contained use and intentional introduction into the environment for experimental testing or field trials, the risk assessment is conducted at national level. Environmental risks are dealt with by the Czech Commission for the Use of GMOs and Genetic Products (expert advisory body to the Ministry of the Environment). Health risks are reviewed by the Ministry of Health.

In the current reporting period, the Czech Commission for the Use of GMOs and Genetic Products has assessed more than 100 risk assessments on contained use submitted by notifiers (mainly in the biosafety levels 1 and/or 2).

The risk assessment should be performed in a scientifically-sound and transparent manner, based on up-to-date knowledge. Its results have to be reevaluated if new information on the GMO and its effects is obtained.

For training of experts and for the risk assessment, the Czech Competent Authorities and their advisory bodies use the methodology set by the EU legislation (e.g. Commission Implementing Regulation 503/2013) and EFSA guidelines, as well as manuals and guidance documents developed by the CPB AHTEG on RA/RM.

**Risk Management**

No changes have been set up since the previous report submitted in 2015.

The authorisation decisions always set conditions for the use of GMOs, based on the risk assessment results. These conditions include requirements for monitoring - observations of potential effects of GMOs on health and environment. The monitoring is conducted both by the authorisation holder and by the supervision authorities.

The Czech Environmental Inspectorate is the main Competent Authority on state supervision of the use of GMOs (contained use, intentional introduction into environment and unauthorised GMOs). It cooperates with other supervision Authorities responsible for various agendas related to biosafety: Czech Agriculture and Food Inspection Authority in charge of food inspections and control; Central Institute for Supervising and Testing in Agriculture in charge of seeds, phytosanitary regulations, plant protection products and quality of feed; State Veterinary Administration as to animal related supervision; State Institute for Drug Control as medicinal products are concerned; Customs Administration in charge of export and import supervision.

**Article 17 – Unintentional transboundary movements<sup>2</sup> and emergency measures**

<p>85. Has your country established measures to notify affected or potentially affected States, the Biosafety Clearing-House and, where appropriate, relevant international organizations in case of a release under its jurisdiction that leads, or may lead, to an unintentional transboundary movement?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, to some extent: [Please specify]  <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>86. In the current reporting period, how many releases of LMOs occurred under your country's jurisdiction that led, or may have</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None  <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 4</p>

<sup>2</sup> In accordance with the operational definition adopted in decision CP-VIII/16, “‘Unintentional transboundary movement’ is a transboundary movement of a living modified organism that has inadvertently crossed the national borders of a Party where the living modified organism was released, and the requirements of Article 17 of the Protocol apply to such transboundary movements only if the living modified organism involved is likely to have significant adverse effects on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, taking also into account risks to human health, in the affected or potentially affected States.”

<p>led, to an unintentional transboundary movement?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> 5 to 9 <input type="checkbox"/> 10 or more</p>
<p>87. If you answered <i>under question 86</i> that a <i>release occurred</i>, has your country notified affected or potentially affected States, the Biosafety Clearing-House and, where appropriate, relevant international organizations?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, always <input type="checkbox"/> In some cases only <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>88. Does your country have the capacity to take appropriate response measures in response to unintentional transboundary movements?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>89. In the current reporting period, how many times has your country become aware of an unintentional transboundary movement into its territory?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 to 9 <input type="checkbox"/> 10 or more</p>
<p>90. Here you may provide further details on the implementation of Article 17 in your country:</p> <p>No changes have been set up since the previous report submitted in 2015.</p> <p>Article 14 of Regulation (EC) 1946/2003 that is directly applicable in the Czech Republic provides for measures to prevent unintentional transboundary movements of GMOs and appropriate responses, including emergency measures.</p> <p>However, transfer within the European Union is not considered as a transboundary movement according to the relevant EU legislation - Regulation (EC) 1946/2003 states that "transboundary movement" means the intentional or unintentional movement of a GMO between one Party or non-Party and another Party on non-Party, excluding intentional movements between Parties within the Community. The Czech Republic is an inland country, not on the border of EU, so it does not serve as a point of entry into EU for commodities and seeds.</p>	

**Article 18 – Handling, transport, packaging and identification**

<p>91. Has your country taken measures to require that <i>LMOs that are subject to transboundary movement</i> are handled, packaged and transported under conditions of safety, taking into account relevant international rules and standards?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, to some extent: [Please specify] <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>92. Has your country taken measures to require that documentation accompanying LMOs-FFP, <i>in cases where the identity of the LMOs is not known</i>, clearly identifies that they <i>may contain LMOs</i> and are not intended for intentional introduction into the environment, as well as a contact point for further information?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, to some extent: [Please specify] <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>

<p>93. Has your country taken measures to require that documentation accompanying LMOs-FFP, <i>in cases where the identity of the LMOs is known</i>, clearly identifies that they contain LMOs and are not intended for intentional introduction into the environment, as well as a contact point for further information?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, to some extent: [Please specify]  <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>94. If you answered <i>Yes</i> to question(s) 91, 92 and/or 93, what type of documentation accompanying LMOs does your country require?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Documentation specific for LMOs  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> As part of other documentation (not specific for LMOs)  <input type="checkbox"/> Other: [Please specify]</p>
<p>95. Has your country taken measures to require that documentation accompanying LMOs <i>that are destined for contained use</i> clearly identifies them as LMOs and specifies any requirements for the safe handling, storage, transport and use, the contact point for further information, including the name and address of the individual and institution to whom the LMO are consigned?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, to some extent: [Please specify]  <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>96. If you answered <i>Yes</i> to question 95, what type of documentation does your country require for the identification of LMOs that are destined for contained use?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Documentation specific for LMOs  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> As part of other documentation (not specific for LMOs)  <input type="checkbox"/> Other: [Please specify]</p>
<p>97. Has your country taken measures to require that documentation accompanying LMOs <i>that are intended for intentional introduction into the environment of the Party of import</i>, clearly identifies them as <i>living modified organisms</i>; specifies the identity and relevant traits and/or characteristics, any requirements for the safe handling, storage, transport and use, the contact point for further information and, as appropriate, the name and address of the importer and exporter; and contains a declaration that the movement is in conformity with the requirements of this Protocol applicable to the exporter?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, to some extent: [Please specify]  <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>98. If you answered <i>Yes</i> to question 97, what type of documentation does your country require for the identification of LMOs that are intended for intentional introduction into the environment?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Documentation specific for LMOs  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> As part of other documentation (not specific for LMOs)  <input type="checkbox"/> Other: [Please specify]</p>
<p>99. Does your country have available any guidance for the purpose of ensuring the</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>

<p>safe handling, transport, and packaging of living modified organisms?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>100. Does your country have the capacity to enforce the requirements of identification and documentation of LMOs?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, to some extent: [Please specify]  <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>101. How many customs officers in your country have received training in the identification of LMOs?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> None  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 to 9  <input type="checkbox"/> 10 to 49  <input type="checkbox"/> 50 to 99  <input type="checkbox"/> 100 or more</p> <p><i>Is this number adequate:</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>102. Has your country established procedures for the sampling and detection of LMOs?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, to some extent: [Please specify]  <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>103. How many laboratory personnel in your country have received training in detection of LMOs?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> None  <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 9  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10 to 49  <input type="checkbox"/> 50 to 99  <input type="checkbox"/> 100 or more</p> <p><i>Is this number adequate:</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>104. Does your country have reliable access to laboratory facilities for the detection of LMOs?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>105. How many laboratories in your country are certified for LMO detection?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> None  <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 4  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 to 9  <input type="checkbox"/> 10 to 49  <input type="checkbox"/> 50 or more</p>
<p>106. If you answered <i>under question 105</i> that <i>certified laboratories exist in your country</i>, how many of them are currently operating in the detection of LMOs?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> None  <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 4  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 to 9  <input type="checkbox"/> 10 to 49  <input type="checkbox"/> 50 or more</p>
<p>107. Here you may provide further details on the implementation of Article 18 in your country:</p>	

No changes have been set up since the previous report submitted in 2015.

The Czech Republic follows the EU comprehensive legal framework on GMOs, which also addresses the issues of handling, transport, packaging and identification covered by Article 18.

However, transfer within the European Union is not considered as a transboundary movement. The Czech Republic is an inland country, not on the border of EU, so it is not a point of entry into EU for seeds and commodities from third countries. The only GMOs that are imported / exported directly to or from the Czech Republic are GMOs intended for contained use. In these cases, the entry point is the airport.

The Czech Act No 78/2004 Coll., on the Use of GMOs and Genetic Products, sets in Art. 25 the requirements for the import and export of GMOs intended for contained use.

The certified laboratories for the detection of GMOs, serving also for the Competent Authorities, are:

National Reference Laboratory for GMOs Testing and DNA Fingerprinting, Crop Research Institute, Prague

Laboratory of the Centre for Health, Nutrition and Food in Brno, National Institute of Public Health

Laboratory of the Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology, Institute of Chemical Technology, Prague

Laboratory of Central Institute for Supervising and Testing in Agriculture, Brno

Laboratory of State Veterinary Administration, Jihlava

**Article 19 – Competent national authorities and national focal points**

<p>108. In case your country has designated more than one competent national authority, has your country established a mechanism for the coordination of their actions prior to taking decisions regarding LMOs?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable (no competent national authority was designated)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not applicable (only one competent national authority was designated)</p>
<p>109. Has your country established adequate institutional capacity to enable the competent national authority(ies) to perform the administrative functions required by the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, to some extent: [Please specify]</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>110. Has your country undertaken initiatives to strengthen collaboration among national focal points, competent national authority(ies) and other institutions on biosafety-related matters? nechat yes</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes: Initiative has been undertaken at national level</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>111. Here you may provide further details on the implementation of Article 19 in your country:</p>	

<p>No changes have been set up since the previous report submitted in 2015.</p> <p>State administration:</p> <p>The Competent Authority for the use of GMOs in the Czech Republic is the Ministry of the Environment. The Ministry of the Environment is the Competent Authority for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and for the EU Regulation 1946/2003 as well.</p> <p>The Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic is the Competent Authority for genetically modified food and feed.</p> <p>Detailed information including contacts is available in BCH</p>	
<p><b>Article 20 – Information sharing and the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH)</b></p>	
<p>112. Please provide an overview of the status of the mandatory information provided by your country to the BCH by specifying for each category of information whether it is available and whether it has been submitted to the BCH.</p>	
<p>a. Existing legislation, regulations and guidelines for implementing the Protocol, as well as information required by Parties for the advance informed agreement procedure (Article 20, paragraph 3 (a))</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information available and in the BCH</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Information available but not in the BCH</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Information available but only partially available in the BCH</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Information not available</p>
<p>b. Legislation, regulations and guidelines applicable to the import of LMOs intended for direct use as food or feed, or for processing (Article 11, paragraph 5)</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information available and in the BCH</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Information available but not in the BCH</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Information available but only partially available in the BCH</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Information not available</p>
<p>c. Bilateral, multilateral and regional agreements and arrangements (Article 14, paragraph 2, and Article 20, paragraph 3 (b))</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Information available and in the BCH</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Information available but not in the BCH</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Information available but only partially available in the BCH</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information not available opraveno dle 4. národní zprávy EC</p>
<p>d. Contact details for competent national authorities (Article 19, paragraphs 2 and 3), national focal points (Article 19, paragraphs 1 and 3), and emergency contacts (Article 17, paragraph 3 (e))</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information available and in the BCH</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Information available but not in the BCH</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Information available but only partially available in the BCH</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Information not available</p>
<p>e. Decisions by a Party regarding transit of LMOs (Article 6, paragraph 1)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Information available and in the BCH</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Information available but not in the BCH</p>

	<input type="checkbox"/> Information available but only partially available in the BCH <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information not available
f. Decisions by a Party regarding import of LMOs for contained use (Article 6, paragraph 2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information available and in the BCH <input type="checkbox"/> Information available but not in the BCH <input type="checkbox"/> Information available but only partially available in the BCH <input type="checkbox"/> Information not available
g. Notifications regarding the release under your country's jurisdiction that leads, or may lead, to an unintentional transboundary movement of a LMO that is likely to have significant adverse effects on biological diversity (Article 17, paragraph 1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Information available and in the BCH <input type="checkbox"/> Information available but not in the BCH <input type="checkbox"/> Information available but only partially available in the BCH <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information not available
h. Information concerning cases of illegal transboundary movements of LMOs (Article 25, paragraph 3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Information available and in the BCH <input type="checkbox"/> Information available but not in the BCH <input type="checkbox"/> Information available but only partially available in the BCH <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information not available
i. Decisions regarding the importation of LMOs for intentional introduction into the environment (Article 10, paragraph 3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information available and in the BCH <input type="checkbox"/> Information available but not in the BCH <input type="checkbox"/> Information available but only partially available in the BCH <input type="checkbox"/> Information not available
j. Information on the application of domestic regulations to specific imports of LMOs (Article 14, paragraph 4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Information available and in the BCH <input type="checkbox"/> Information available but not in the BCH <input type="checkbox"/> Information available but only partially available in the BCH <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information not available
k. Decisions regarding the domestic use of LMOs that may be subject to transboundary movement for direct use as food or feed, or for processing (Article 11, paragraph 1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information available and in the BCH <input type="checkbox"/> Information available but not in the BCH <input type="checkbox"/> Information available but only partially available in the BCH <input type="checkbox"/> Information not available
l. Decisions regarding the import of LMOs intended for direct use as food or feed, or for processing that are taken under domestic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information available and in the BCH <input type="checkbox"/> Information available but not in the BCH

<p>regulatory frameworks (Article 11, paragraph 4) or in accordance with Annex III to the Protocol (Article 11, paragraph 6)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Information available but only partially available in the BCH</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Information not available</p>
<p>m. Declarations regarding the framework to be used for LMOs intended for direct use as food or feed, or for processing (Article 11, paragraph 6)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Information available and in the BCH</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Information available but not in the BCH</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Information available but only partially available in the BCH</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information not available</p>
<p>n. Review and change of decisions regarding intentional transboundary movements of LMOs (Article 12, paragraph 1)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Information available and in the BCH</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Information available but not in the BCH</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Information available but only partially available in the BCH</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information not available</p>
<p>o. Cases where intentional transboundary movement may take place at the same time as the movement is notified to the Party of import (Article 13, paragraph 1 (a))</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Information available and in the BCH</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Information available but not in the BCH</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Information available but only partially available in the BCH</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information not available</p>
<p>p. LMOs granted exemption status by each Party (Article 13, paragraph 1 (b))</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Information available and in the BCH</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Information available but not in the BCH</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Information available but only partially available in the BCH</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information not available</p>
<p>q. Summaries of risk assessments or environmental reviews of LMOs generated by regulatory processes and relevant information regarding products thereof (Article 20, paragraph 3 (c))</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information available and in the BCH</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Information available but not in the BCH</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Information available but only partially available in the BCH</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Information not available</p>
<p>113. Please provide a brief explanation if you answered that the information is available <i>but not in the BCH</i> or <i>only partially available in the BCH</i> to any item under question 112:</p> <p>not applicable</p>	
<p>114. Has your country established a mechanism for strengthening the capacity of the BCH national focal point to perform its administrative functions?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, to some extent: [Please specify]</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>

<p>115. Has your country established a mechanism for the coordination among the BCH national focal point, the Cartagena Protocol national focal point, and the competent national authority(ies) for making information available to the BCH?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, to some extent: [Please specify]  <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>116. Does your country use the information available in the BCH in its decision-making processes on LMOs?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, always  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, in some cases  <input type="checkbox"/> No  <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable (no decisions were taken)</p>
<p>117. Has your country experienced difficulties accessing or using the BCH?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes: [Please specify]  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>118. In the current reporting period, how many biosafety-related events (e.g. seminars, workshops, press conferences, educational events) has your country organized?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> None  <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 4  <input type="checkbox"/> 5 to 9  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10 to 24  <input type="checkbox"/> 25 or more</p>
<p>119. In the current reporting period, how many biosafety-related publications has your country published?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> None  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 to 9  <input type="checkbox"/> 10 to 49  <input type="checkbox"/> 50 to 99  <input type="checkbox"/> 100 or more</p>
<p>120. Here you may provide further details on the implementation of Article 20 in your country:</p> <p>Q 112 c: Part of information is available at the European Union BCH, including the harmonised EU legislation. The Czech node of BCH provides the link to this website.</p> <p>Q 112 i: Only final decisions on contained use and experimental introduction of GMOs into the environment are issued at the national level in the Czech Republic. Final decisions on commercial release are made at the European Union level and are available at the EU BCH.</p> <p>Q 112 j: Any information according to Article 14 para 4 published at the European level in the EU BCH are valid also for the Czech Republic.</p> <p>Q 112 k, l: Decisions according to the Article 11 para 1 and 4 are taken at the European Union level and are directly applicable also in the Czech Republic. All these decisions are made available in the EU BCH.</p> <p>Q 112 m: As the Czech Republic is neither a developing country nor a Party with economy in transition, Article 11 para 6 is not applicable here.</p> <p>Q 114: Capacity of the BCH National Focal Point is sufficient to perform its administrative duties and thus there is no need to strengthen it.</p> <p>Q 115: One official has been appointed both the BCH NFP and CPB NFP in the Czech Republic. This person works for the Ministry of the Environment - the Czech competent authority for CPB. Coordination with other authorities involved in biosafety issues has been established.</p> <p>Q 118: Special workshops were conducted for specialists in the area of biosafety as well as the public. These events were organized by the Ministry of the Environment in close cooperation with its scientific advisory</p>	

<p>body, i.e. the Czech Commission for the GMOs and Genetic products, the Ministry of Agriculture and some universities or scientific research institutes. As regards international activities, FAO workshops on risk assessment of LMOs and regulatory framework on biosafety were organized in the Czech Republic in the given reporting period.</p>	
<p><b>Article 21 – Confidential information</b></p>	
<p>121. Has your country established procedures to protect confidential information received under the Protocol?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, to some extent: [Please specify]  <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>122. Does your country allow the notifier to identify information that is to be treated as confidential?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, always  <input type="checkbox"/> In some cases only  <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>123. Here you may provide further details on the implementation of Article 21 in your country:                  No changes have been set up since the previous report submitted in 2015.                  The Czech Act 78/2004 para 9 as well as the relevant European legislation, which has already been listed in the current EU report, define what information can be identified and treated as confidential.  <del>It has to be noted that the confidentiality provisions make clear what information should never be identified as confidential, namely a general description of the GMO, name and address of the notifier, risk assessment and emergency response plans.</del></p>	
<p><b>Article 22 – Capacity-building</b></p>	
<p>124. Does your country have predictable and reliable funding for building capacity for the effective implementation of the Protocol?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, to some extent: [Please specify]  <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>125. Has your country received external support or benefited from collaborative activities with other Parties in the development and/or strengthening of human resources and institutional capacities in biosafety?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, to some extent: through participation in specialized meetings (esp. EU) or workshops  <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>126. If you answered <i>Yes</i> to question 125, how were these resources made available?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bilateral channels  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional channels  <input type="checkbox"/> Multilateral channels</p>
<p>127. Has your country provided support to other Parties in the development and/or strengthening of human resources and institutional capacities in biosafety?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, to some extent: [Please specify]  <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>128. If you answered <i>Yes</i> to question 127, how were these resources made available?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bilateral channels  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional channels  <input type="checkbox"/> Multilateral channels</p>

<p>129. In the reporting period, has your country initiated a process to access funds from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) for building capacity in biosafety?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes: [Please specify]  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>130. If you answered <i>Yes</i> to question 129, how would you characterize the process?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Very easy  <input type="checkbox"/> Easy  <input type="checkbox"/> Average  <input type="checkbox"/> Difficult  <input type="checkbox"/> Very difficult</p>
<p>131. In the current reporting period, has your country undertaken activities for the development and/or strengthening of human resources and institutional capacities in biosafety?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, to some extent: [Please specify]  <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>132. If you answered <i>Yes</i> to question 131, in which of the following areas were these activities undertaken (select all that apply)?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Institutional capacity and human resources  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Integration of biosafety in cross-sectoral and sectoral legislation, policies and institutions (mainstreaming biosafety)  <input type="checkbox"/> Risk assessment and other scientific and technical expertise  <input type="checkbox"/> Risk management  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public awareness, participation and education in biosafety  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information exchange and data management, including participation in the Biosafety Clearing-House  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scientific, technical and institutional collaboration at subregional, regional and international levels  <input type="checkbox"/> Technology transfer  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Identification of LMOs, including their detection  <input type="checkbox"/> Socioeconomic considerations  <input type="checkbox"/> Implementation of the documentation requirements under Article 18.2 of the Protocol  <input type="checkbox"/> Handling of confidential information  <input type="checkbox"/> Measures to address unintentional and/or illegal transboundary movements of LMOs  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scientific biosafety research relating to LMOs  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Taking into account risks to human health  <input type="checkbox"/> Liability and redress  <input type="checkbox"/> Other: [Please specify]</p>
<p>133. In the current reporting period, has your country carried out a capacity-building needs assessment?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>

<p>134. Does your country still have capacity-building needs?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>135. If you answered <i>Yes</i> to question 134, which of the following areas still need capacity-building (select all that apply)?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Institutional capacity and human resources  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Integration of biosafety in cross-sectoral and sectoral legislation, policies and institutions (mainstreaming biosafety)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Risk assessment and other scientific and technical expertise  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Risk management  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public awareness, participation and education in biosafety  <input type="checkbox"/> Information exchange and data management, including participation in the Biosafety Clearing-House  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scientific, technical and institutional collaboration at subregional, regional and international levels  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technology transfer  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sampling, detection and identification of LMOs  <input type="checkbox"/> Socioeconomic considerations  <input type="checkbox"/> Implementation of the documentation requirements for handling, transport, packaging and identification  <input type="checkbox"/> Handling of confidential information  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measures to address unintentional and/or illegal transboundary movements of LMOs  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scientific biosafety research relating to LMOs  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Taking into account risks to human health  <input type="checkbox"/> Liability and redress  <input type="checkbox"/> Other: [Please specify]</p>
<p>136. Has your country developed a capacity-building strategy or action plan?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>137. Does your country have in place a functional national mechanism for coordinating biosafety capacity-building initiatives?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>138. Here you may provide further details on the implementation of Article 22 in your country, including further details about your experience in accessing GEF funds:</p> <p>Ad Q 127: Regional training workshops on biosafety issues were organized in the Czech Republic for the CEE countries and countries of Central Asia in cooperation with FAO (Regional Office). Czech experts from the Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Agriculture and specialized institutions shared their experience with implementation of CPB.</p> <p>Ad Q 133 and 134: The need for capacity-building still exist in the Czech Republic especially due to a great progress and scientific development in biotechnology, and necessity of consequent biosafety measures. This need is monitored for inner purposes and steps to be taken.</p> <p>Ad Q 136: Capacity-building strategy forms a part of broader national strategies, which is reflected also in their action plans.</p>	

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<b>Article 23 – Public awareness and participation</b>	
139. Is biosafety public awareness, education and/or participation addressed in legislation or policy in your country?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, to some extent: [Please specify] <input type="checkbox"/> No
140. In the current reporting period, has your country cooperated with other States and international bodies in relation to public awareness, education and participation?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes: Through regional workshops and expert meetings <input type="checkbox"/> No
141. Has your country established a mechanism to ensure public access to information on LMOs?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, to some extent: [Please specify] <input type="checkbox"/> No
142. Does your country have in place a national communication strategy on biosafety?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes: The Czech Republic follows the EU communication strategy that comprises Food Law (Regulation (EC) 178/2002). There are complementary tools and instruments on risk communication, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• public consultations during GMO authorisation procedures, information sharing in case of accidents or emergency situations;</li> <li>• consultation of stakeholders through the Advisory Group on the Food Chain and Animal and Plant Health established to consult stakeholders at the European level during the preparation, revision and evaluation of EU food legislation;</li> <li>• the Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF), which enables efficient information sharing between its members (EU Member State national authorities, European Commission, European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and other countries) and provides a service to ensure that urgent notifications are sent, received and responded to collectively and efficiently. It also gives public access to summary information about the most recently transmitted RASFF notifications as well as the ability to search for information on any notification issued in the past. • European Commission and EFSA websites</li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> No
143. Does your country have any awareness and outreach programmes on biosafety?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes: Included in curricula of universities and as a part of activity of the Czech Commission on the Use of GMOs and Genetic Products <input type="checkbox"/> No

<p>144. Does your country currently have a national biosafety website?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>145. How many academic institutions in your country are offering biosafety education and training courses and programmes?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> None  <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 4  <input type="checkbox"/> 5 to 9  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10 or more</p> <p><i>Is this number adequate:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>146. How many educational materials and/or online modules on biosafety are available and accessible to the public in your country?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> None  <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 4  <input type="checkbox"/> 5 to 9  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10 to 24  <input type="checkbox"/> 25 to 99  <input type="checkbox"/> 100 or more</p> <p><i>Is this number adequate:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>147. Has your country established a mechanism to consult the public in the decision-making process regarding LMOs?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, to some extent: [Please specify]  <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>148. Has your country informed the public about existing modalities for public participation in the decision-making process regarding LMOs?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, to some extent: [Please specify]  <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>149. If you answered <i>Yes</i> to question 148, please indicate the modalities used to inform the public:</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National websites  <input type="checkbox"/> Newspapers  <input type="checkbox"/> Forums  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mailing lists  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public hearings  <input type="checkbox"/> Social media  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: local official boards</p>
<p>150. In the current reporting period, how many times has your country consulted the public in the decision-making process regarding LMOs?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None (decisions taken without consultation)  <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 4  <input type="checkbox"/> 5 or more  <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable (no decisions were taken)</p>
<p>151. Has your country informed the public about the means to access the Biosafety Clearing-House?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>

152. Here you may provide further details on the implementation of Article 23 in your country:

Ad Q 142: CZ does not have a special national communication strategy, principles have been included in broader national strategies.

Ad Q 145: Biotechnology and biosafety aspects are included in curricula of universities. The following universities, as examples, developed special programmes in this respect: Agricultural University Prague, Charles University Prague (Faculty of Natural Sciences, Faculty of Pedagogy), Hradec Králové University East Bohemia), South Bohemia University, Brno University (Pharmaceutical Faculty). In some universities these courses are compulsory, in other optional. Other universities included biotechnology in their broader curricula. Within the theme of Genetics and Molecular Biology special thesis are elaborated by students on biotechnology, its practical application and ethic consequences. As to faculties of pedagogy, the education of future teachers is important for sharing the knowledge in secondary or even basic schools.

In secondary schools, these programmes depend on school specialization and on teachers initiative.

#### Article 24 – Non-Parties

153. Has your country entered into any bilateral, regional, or multilateral agreement with non-Parties regarding transboundary movements of LMOs?

- Yes  
 No

154. In the current reporting period, has your country imported LMOs from a non-Party?

- Yes  
 No

155. In the current reporting period, has your country exported LMOs to a non-Party?

- Yes  
 No

156. If you answered *Yes* to question 154 and/or 155, were the transboundary movements of LMOs consistent with the objective of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety?

- Yes, always  
 In some cases only  
 No

157. Here you may provide further details on the implementation of Article 24 in your country:

No changes have been set up since the previous report submitted in 2015.

Act 78/2004 Coll., which is in compliance with the EU legislation on GMOs shall be applied to all imports / exports of LMOs, whether these originate from parties or non-parties to the Protocol.

All cases of imports of LMOs from non- party to the Czech Republic in the current reporting period were intended for contained use purposes.

#### Article 25 – Illegal transboundary movements<sup>3</sup>

158. Has your country adopted domestic measures aimed at preventing and/or penalizing transboundary movements of LMOs carried out in contravention of its domestic measures to implement the Cartagena Protocol?

- Yes  
 Yes, to some extent: [Please specify]  
 No

<sup>3</sup> In accordance with the operational definition adopted in decision CP VIII/16, “‘Illegal transboundary movement’ is a transboundary movement of living modified organisms carried out in contravention of the domestic measures to implement the Protocol that have been adopted by the Party concerned”.

<p>159. In the current reporting period, how many cases of illegal transboundary movements of LMOs has your country become aware of?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None  <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 4  <input type="checkbox"/> 5 to 9  <input type="checkbox"/> 10 or more</p>
<p>160. If you indicated <i>under question 159</i> that <i>your country became aware of cases of illegal transboundary movements</i>, has the origin of the LMO(s) been established?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, some cases  <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>161. Here you may provide further details on the implementation of Article 25 in your country:</p> <p>No changes have been set up since the previous report submitted in 2015.</p> <p>It has to be noted that transfer within the European Union is not considered as a transboundary movement according to the relevant EU legislation – Regulation (EC) 1946/2003 states that “transboundary movement” means the intentional or unintentional movement of a GMO between one Party or non-Party and another Party on non-Party, excluding intentional movements between Parties within the Community. The Czech Republic is an inland country, not on the border of the European Union, so it does not serve as a point of entry into the European Union for commodities and seeds.</p> <p><del>No cases of illegal transboundary movements have been recorded during the current reporting period. Besides general surveillance, the Czech Environmental Inspectorate has monitored for possible occurrence of non-authorized LMOs that have been detected in other countries, e.g. GM ornamental fish or GM petunias.</del></p>	
<p><b>Article 26 – Socio-economic considerations</b></p>	
<p>162. Does your country have any specific approaches or requirements that facilitate how socioeconomic considerations should be taken into account in LMO decision-making?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>163. In the current reporting period, have socioeconomic considerations arising from the impact of LMOs been taken into account in decision-making?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, always  <input type="checkbox"/> In some cases only  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No  <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable (no decisions were taken)</p>
<p>164. How many peer-reviewed published materials has your country used for the purpose of elaborating or determining national actions with regard to socioeconomic considerations?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> None  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 to 4  <input type="checkbox"/> 5 to 9  <input type="checkbox"/> 10 to 49  <input type="checkbox"/> 50 or more</p> <p><i>Is this number adequate:</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>

<p>165. Has your country cooperated with other Parties on research and information exchange on any socioeconomic impacts of LMOs?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>166. Here you may provide further details on the implementation of Article 26 in your country:</p> <p>The Czech Republic as a Member State of the European Union follows EU guidelines and recommendations related to GM crops cultivation and possible impacts of this activity on various areas, including socio-economic aspects. Based on the 2010 European Commission Recommendations on guidelines for the development of national strategies and best practices to ensure the co-existence of genetically modified crops with conventional and organic farming, the Czech Republic has developed its national legislation on co-existence measures for GM maize, soybean and potato. Already from the first GM crop cultivation in 2005 (Bt-maize MON810), the co-existence rules have been applied. Since 2006 the general co-existence rules for GM crops cultivation became part of the Czech Act 252/1997, on Agriculture, as amended. For selected crops (potato, maize, soybean) details are further specified by Decree 89/2006, on Detailed Conditions for GM Crop Cultivation, as amended.</p> <p>GM maize was cultivated in the Czech Republic from 2005 to 2016, with its peak in 2008 when area sown with MON810 had reached 8380 ha. However, the area with GM maize gradually decreased following years to 75 ha in 2016, and 0 ha in 2017, respectively. The year 2019 is the third vegetation season with no GM maize cultivated in the Czech Republic. It apparently means that the availability of statistically assessable data on socio-economic implication of GMO cultivation have remained unchanged in comparison with the previous reporting period. The data received in the previous reporting period were rather scarce to become statistically significant and assessable. It was due to a low cultivation area of Bt-maize, caused by generally vigilant attitude of the EU public to GM crops, higher administration requirements for GMO growers, problems with selling the harvest, high GM seed cost, up to a limited interest of leading seed distributors to import GM seed into EU nowadays.</p> <p>In 2015, the European Union adopted Directive 2015/412, which gives the possibility to the Member States to restrict or prohibit the cultivation of GMOs in their territory. Under this Directive, Member States may adopt opt-out decisions on GMO cultivation based on compelling grounds distinct from the environmental risk assessment undertaken in the context of the authorisation procedure at EU level. However, any provisions of the above mentioned Directive were not applied in the Czech Republic.</p>	
<p><b>Article 28 – Financial mechanism and resources</b></p>	
<p>167. In the current reporting period, how much funding (in the equivalent of US dollars) has your country mobilized to support implementation of the Cartagena Protocol beyond the regular national budgetary allocation?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Nothing  <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 4,999 USD  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5,000 to 49,999 USD (2016-2019 12,000 USD)  <input type="checkbox"/> 50,000 to 99,999 USD  <input type="checkbox"/> 100,000 to 499,000 USD  <input type="checkbox"/> 500,000 USD or more</p>

<p><b>Article 33 – Monitoring and reporting</b></p> <p><i>Article 33 requires Parties to monitor <u>the implementation of its obligations</u> under the Cartagena Protocol and to report to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on measures taken to implement the Protocol</i></p>	
<p>168. Does your country have in place a system to monitor and enforce the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p><b>Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress</b></p> <p><i>Parties to the Cartagena Protocol that are not yet Party to the Supplementary Protocol are also invited to respond to the questions below</i></p>	
<p>169. Is your country a Party to the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>170. If you answered <i>No</i> to question 169, is there any national process in place towards becoming a Party to the Supplementary Protocol?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>171. Has your country introduced the necessary measures for the implementation of the Supplementary Protocol?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National measures are fully in place <input type="checkbox"/> National measures are partially in place <input type="checkbox"/> Only temporary measures have been introduced <input type="checkbox"/> Only draft measures exist <input type="checkbox"/> No measures have yet been taken</p>
<p>172. Which instruments are in place for the implementation of the Supplementary Protocol?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One or more national laws: Act 167/2008 Coll., on prevention and remedying environmental damage and amendment on some laws <input type="checkbox"/> One or more national regulations: [Please specify] <input type="checkbox"/> One or more sets of guidelines: [Please specify] <input type="checkbox"/> No instruments are in place</p>
<p>173. Does your country have administrative or legal instruments that require response measures to be taken:</p>	
<p>a. In case of damage resulting from LMOs?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>b. In case there is sufficient likelihood that damage will result if response measures are not taken?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>

<p>174. If you answered <i>Yes</i> to question 173a, do these instruments impose requirements on an operator (select all that apply)?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, the operator must inform the competent authority of the damage</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, the operator must evaluate the damage</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, the operator must take response measures</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, other requirements: Where environmental damage has not yet occurred but there is an imminent threat of such damage occurring, obligation to take necessary preventive measures.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>175. If you answered <i>Yes</i> to question 173a, do these instruments require the operator to take response measures to avoid damage?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>176. If you answered <i>Yes</i> to question 173a or 173b, do these instruments provide for a definition of “operator”?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>177. If you answered <i>Yes</i> to question 176, which of the following could be an ‘operator’ (select all that apply)?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permit holder</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Person who placed the LMO on the market</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Developer</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Producer</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notifier</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exporter</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Importer</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carrier</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supplier</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: operator means any legal or natural person who operates or controls an occupational activity according to the Act 78/2004 Coll. (on the use of GMOs and genetic products, as amended) or some other activity that complies with the conditions stipulated in Section 5 (2) of the Act 167/2008 Coll. or a person to whom decisive economic power over the functioning of the occupational activity has been delegated pursuant to the Insolvency Act (i.e. Act 182/2006 Coll.), including holders of a permit, consent or some other authorization to carry out an occupational activity or persons operating or controlling an occupational activity on the basis of registration or notification</p>

<p>178. Has a competent authority been identified for carrying out the functions set out in the Supplementary Protocol?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes: the Ministry of the Environment is a competent authority for the N-KL Protocol</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>179. If you answered <i>Yes</i> to question 178, what measures may the competent authority take (select all that apply)?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Identify the operator that caused the damage</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Evaluate the damage</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Determine response measures to be taken by operator</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Implement response measures</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recover costs and expenses of the evaluation of the damage and the implementation of any response measures from the operator</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: [Please specify]</p>
<p>180. Does your country have measures in place to provide for financial security for damage resulting from LMOs?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>181. If you answered <i>Yes</i> to question 180, what type of financial security measures are in place (select all that apply)?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Requirement to provide evidence for secure source of funding</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory insurance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Government schemes, including funds</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: [Please specify]</p>
<p>182. Does your country have rules and procedures on civil liability that address damage resulting from LMOs, or has such damage been recognized in court rulings (select all that apply)?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, in a civil liability instrument</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, in court rulings</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, in other instruments: [Please specify]</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>183. Have there been any occurrences of damage resulting from LMOs in your country?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes: [Please specify]</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>184. If you answered <i>Yes</i> to question 183, have response measures been taken?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes: [Please specify]</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>185. Here you may provide further details on any activities undertaken in your country towards the implementation of the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress:</p> <p>The liability provisions of the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol are covered by the Directive 2004/35/CE of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004, on environmental liability with regard to the prevention and remedying of environmental damage, the Environmental Liability Directive (ELD), which establishes a framework based on the "polluter pays" principle, according to which the polluter pays and repairs when environmental damage occurs.</p> <p>The Czech Act 167/2008 Coll., on prevention and remedying environmental damage and amendment on some laws transposes the above mentioned ELD.</p>	

**Other information**

186. Please use this field to provide any other information on issues related to national implementation of the Cartagena Protocol and the Supplementary Protocol, including any obstacles or impediments encountered.

It has to be noted that as far as the EU and its Member States are concerned, there are two levels of implementation of the CPB, the EU level and a national level. Therefore this national report refers to the EU report where relevant.

**Comments on reporting format**

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