

# Access to Information regarding LMOs/GMOs

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and Public Participation regarding LMOs/GMOs

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Aarhus Convention & Cartagena Protocol  
could and should  
supplement each other very well.

But does the public get access to information?

# Access to information

- agreed to/in

- Aarhus Convention
- Cartagena Protocol
- SDG 16

- provided by/via

- Biosafety Clearing House (BCH)































# Biosafety Clearing House

•Database with data about GMOs, national decisions & national reports to the CBD

•imports data from other databases

•no compliance mechanism

<https://bch.cbd.int>

ID	Description	
138 record(s) found		
 108265	Belgium GloFish® leopard danio, zebra danio, Zebra fish	    
 114545	Denmark Approval of the import/use of the LMO(s) with conditions Cisgenic barley with improved phytase activity Barley, HORVU	    
 12199	European Union Approval of the import/use of the LMO(s) without conditions DAS-Ø15Ø7-1 Corn, MAIZE	    
 15247	European Union	    
 46862	European Union Approval of the import/use of the LMO(s) without conditions ACS-GMØØ5-3 Soya bean, Soya, Soybean, SOYBN	    

# EU Register

## Genetically Modified Organisms

EU Register of authorised GMOs

Search the register for products containing GMOs e.g. if you type 'cotton', you will get a list of all products containing cotton in their description..

This search covers the EU GMOs register (Regulation EC 1829/2003) and the products subject to EC decisions on withdrawal from the market.

Keyword(s) :

Registered / Withdrawn :  ▾

Category :  ▾

Search conducted on → Status : All - Category: cotton

## EU register of genetically modified food and feed

### Genetically modified cotton

#### Transformation event

##### Unique ID

##### Company

##### Genes Introduced / Characteristics

##### Authorized use

##### Authorization Expiration

##### Date

##### Details

Cotton (MON1445)

Genetically modified cotton which expresses:

Food produced from MON-  
Ø1445-2 cotton

26/04/2025



**MON-Ø1445-2**

**cp4 epsps** gene inserted to confer tolerance to  
glyphosate herbicides

Feed produced from MON- 26/04/2025

[https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/dyna/gm\\_register](https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/dyna/gm_register)



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## GMO notices

Year	Title
2018	<a href="#">GM Petunia - Information Notice</a> This information note provides details of the positive and the suspected suppliers
2017	<a href="#">GM Zebrafish - Information Notice</a> Information notice on the possible illegal importation (Danio rerio)
2017	<a href="#">Information Notice - Positive GM test result</a> Information note on details of a notification of a positive GM result on Oilseed Rape (OSR)

### GM potatoes 2006 - top

Year	Title
2006	<a href="#">Inspector's Report</a> Inspector's Report
2006	<a href="#">Consent Conditions</a> Consent Conditions G0208-01
2006	<a href="#">GMO Register Entry</a> GMO Register Entry G0208-01

# BVL Germany



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Food    Feed    Commodities    Plant Protection    Veterinary Drugs    Genetic    Laboratories    Consumer Protection

Start    Genetic Engineering    Location Register    Engineering

**Public Location Register**

Overview Federal Länder

**SEARCH Location Register**

Map to the Location Register

**Location Register**

Presented are GMO field sites notified to the Location Register. Please click at the ID, for further information about the site.

The [Search](#) provides a specific retrieval tool for the data of the Location Register e.g. for sites, Federal Länder, GMO etc.

The [Overview Federal Länder](#) summarizes area and number of sites for cultivation and experimental release in each of the Federal Länder.

Year of Cultivation/Experimental Release  
 All 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 **2010** 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019

8 items found, all items are shown.  
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ID	Postal code	Municipality	GMO	Type of notification
<a href="#">04916/01589</a>	04916	Herzberg (Elste...	Maize (6786-...	Experimental Release
<a href="#">06493/01033</a>	06493	Ballenstedt	Maize (MON-0...	Cultivation

**Notification details**

Notification details				
<b>ID</b>	04916/01589			
<b>Postal code</b>	04916			
<b>Municipality</b>	Herzberg (Elster)			
<b>Federal Land</b>	Brandenburg			
<b>Size (m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	9000.0			
<b>Local Subdistricts, Cadastral Districts, Cadastral Units</b>	<b>Local Subdistrict</b>	<b>Cadastral District</b>	<b>Cadastral Units</b>	
	Gräfendorf	2	322	
<b>Field name</b>				
<b>Type</b>	<b>Notification date</b>	<b>Unique Identifier</b>	<b>Organism</b>	<b>Year of Cultivation / Experimental Release</b>
Experimental Release	Apr 27, 2010	<a href="#">6786-01-0198</a>	Maize	2010

[https://apps2.bvl.bund.de/stareg\\_web/index.do](https://apps2.bvl.bund.de/stareg_web/index.do)

# Is access given?

- often public and NGOs need ask for information from the right authority
- need to mention the Aarhus Convention
- reported cases of lack of compliance
- incomplete data



# Restricted access

- BfR statement on glyphosate (2015)

- technically very easy to access  
but legally restricted

- not reusable

- high costs for  
website & lawyers

<https://fragdenstaat.de/blog/2019/07/04/glyphosat-gutachten-hier-ist-es/>

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Anlage

04.09.2015

Stellungnahme des BfR zur IARC-Monographie über Glyphosat

Vorwort

Der Entwurf des Bewertungsberichtes (RAR, *engl. Renewal Assessment Report*) für Glyphosat wurde im März 2014 veröffentlicht. Im Februar 2015 wurde der durch das Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung (BfR) erstellte und nach der Konsultation mit den Mitgliedsstaaten und der Öffentlichkeit überarbeitete RAR für Glyphosat im Rahmen eines Experten-Treffens bei der Europäischen Behörde für Lebensmittelsicherheit (EFSA, *engl. European Food Safety Authority*) diskutiert. Im Nachgang zu diesem Treffen wurde der RAR für Glyphosat durch das BfR nochmals ergänzt. Es wurden weitere Erläuterungen zu bestimmten Sachfragen und zusätzliche Bewertungstabellen zur Klarstellung eingefügt. Am

# Incomplete information

GM mosquito releases:

- Cayman Islands (2009-18)
- Malaysia (2011)
- Panama (2014)
- Brazil (2011/15)
- Burkina Fasa (2018)

 Modified Organism  
Dominant lethal *Aedes aegypti* mosquito

LMO Information **Decisions on the LMO** Risk Assessments

[Tweeter](#)

Display cross-references with external database(s):

Country	BCH Decisions
Brazil	105833         
Malaysia	101481         

# What about...?

- monitoring reports

- Synthetic Biology

(new molecular breeding technologies,  
extreme genetic engineering etc.)

**“Information needs to be  
open, accessible & re-usable.”**

Aarhus Convention,  
Taskforce on Access to Information, Oct. 2019

**Information needs to be complete.**

# The public

NGOs like “Ask the state” ([fragdenstaat.de](http://fragdenstaat.de))

- provide databases of existing documents
- provide forms to request information
- publish that information, so the public doesn't need to ask for it repeatedly.

Access to information is *not* a goal in itself.

It's a necessary tool to achieve other goals.

## SDG 2:

End hunger, achieve food security  
and improved nutrition and  
promote sustainable agriculture

# Ways forward

We need

- ratification of Almaty Amendment
- accessible, open, reusable & complete information
- information on Synthetic biology
- political will