



**Aarhus Convention/ Convention on Biological
Diversity Global Round Table on Public
Awareness, Access to Information and Public
Participation regarding Living Modified
Organisms/Genetically Modified Organisms
(LMOs/GMOs), 11-12.12.2023. Geneva**



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Food Safety Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina

By decision of the Council of Ministry (“Official Gazette of BiH”, No. 22/05).

Law on Food (“Official Gazette of BiH, No, 50/04).

An independent administrative organization that is responsible for its work to the Council of Ministers

MAIN DUTIES:

- *To ensure food and animal feed safety*
- *Provides scientific and professional technical*
- *Application of international conventions and international agreements in the area of food and animal feed safety binding for Bosnia and Herzegovina*
- **Scientific opinions on products, including food and feed related to GMOs;**

Law on GMO

GMOs in food and feed in Bosnia and Herzegovina are regulated by the **Law on GMO (Official Gazette of BiH vol.23/09)**, which was based on a proposal drafted by the Food Safety Agency of BiH in cooperation with responsible entity and Brcko District bodies and adopted in 2009 by both houses of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Directive 2001/18/EU of the European Parliament and the Council of March 12, 2001 on the deliberate release of GMOs into the environment, and repealing Council Directive 90/220/EEC, Council Directive 90/219/EEC of April 23, 1990 on the restricted use of genetically modified organisms, Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council (EU) no. 1946/2003 of July 15, 2003 on cross-border movement of GMOs, Regulation of the European Parliament and Council (EC) no. 1829/2003 of September 22, 2003 on genetically modified food and feed, Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council (EC) no. 1830/2003 of September 22, 2003 on the traceability and labeling of GMOs and the traceability of food products and animal feed produced from GMOs.

Na osnovu člana IV. 4.a) Ustava Bosne i Hercegovine, Parlamentarna skupština Bosne i Hercegovine, na 44. sjednici Predstavničkog doma, održanoj 21. januara 2009. godine, i na 25. sjednici Doma naroda, održanoj 26. februara 2009. godine, usvojila je

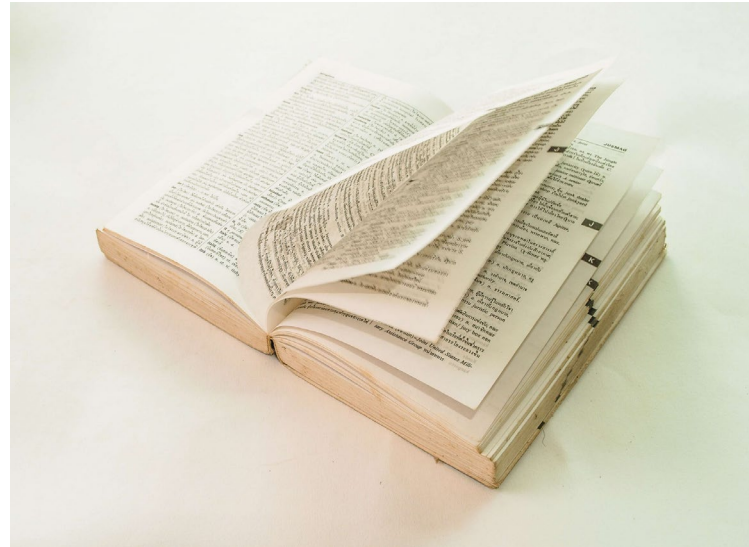
ZAKON

O GENETIČKI MODIFICIRANIM ORGANIZMIMA

POGLAVLJE I. OPĆE ODREDBE

Član 1. (Predmet i cilj)

- (1) Ovim zakonom propisuju se postupak i uslovi za ograničenu upotrebu, prekogranični prijenos, namjerno unošenje u okoliš i stavljanje na tržište genetički modificiranih organizama i proizvoda koji se sastoje, sadrže ili vode porijeklo od genetički modificiranih organizama (u daljnjem tekstu: GMO).



E-Consultations

The cooperation of government institutions and civil society organizations and citizens is one of the fundamental values of democratic societies. Functional dialogue with representatives of civil society and public dialogue in policy making and implementation of public policies is an important element of the European integration process. Today, when Bosnia and Herzegovina has submitted the application for EU membership, these principles have even greater importance.

Respecting these principles, Ministry of Justice of Bosnia and Herzegovina set the aim to enable the interested public, civil society organizations and citizens to participate in policy making as well as in implementation of public policies that are under the jurisdiction of the institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina, not only through the standard methods of public consultation, but also via the Internet.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the eKonsultacije website. The browser address bar displays 'ekonsultacije.gov.ba'. The page features a navigation menu with options: Početna stranica, Planovi pravnih propisa i drugih akata, Planovi konsultacija, Konsultacije, Ostalo, and Prijava. The main content area is divided into three columns: 'ODABIR INSTITUCIJE' (All institutions, 68 registered), 'UVODNA RIJEČ' (Introductory text), and 'INICIJATIVE' (Initiatives, dated 4.4.2023). The introductory text discusses the importance of functional dialogue and public participation in the EU integration process. The initiatives section lists a decision on budgetary elements and a practical part of a grant application. A sidebar on the right contains 'ANKETE' (Surveys).

a The platform enables citizens and civil society organizations to access via the Internet the complete and timely information on the legislature processes. It also provides a reliable communication channel for citizens' participation in public policy making. The ideas, suggestions and additional information collected in this way are use for improvement of public policies under the jurisdiction of the BiH institutions.

b This web site is a modern and user-friendly tool for the interested public to provide their inputs to draft public policies under the jurisdiction of the BiH institutions of concern to them.

c Therefore, in accordance with the Rulebbok for drafting legal regulations, each institution has a consultation coordinator and a consultation manager, who are responsible for uploading the legal document to the E-consultation platform and communicating with interested parties through out the process.

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Inicijative
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Planovi pravnih propisa i drugih akata
Planovi konsultacija
Konsultacije

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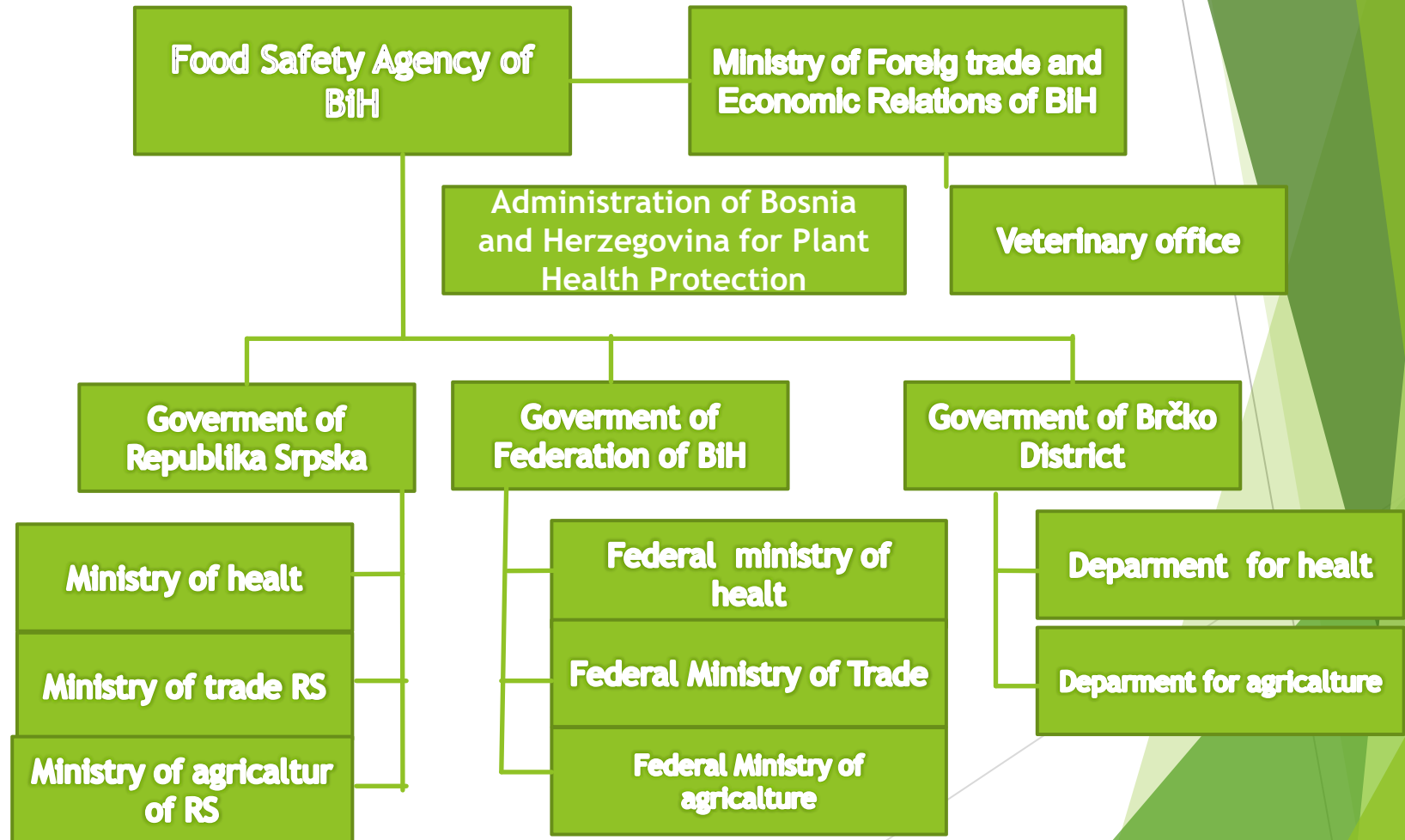
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Minimum obligations during the consultations

- ▶ Publish draft regulations and other acts on the official web site of Institution and on the platform econsultation with an invitation to the interest public to actively participate
- ▶ Enable the interested public to indicated submitted proposal and remarks on the preliminary draft within the deadline regulations and other legal acts by platforma econsultation
- ▶ Delivers drafts of regulations and other acts to Competent Authorities
- ▶ Deadline for delivers comments/suggestion is 15 to 30 days.

FSA and Competent Authorities of BiH





The main goal of the E-consultation platform is to remind the importance of public participation in the creation of regulations and to strengthen the cooperation of government institutions with civil society organizations and citizens through public consultations



Enable the active participation of all interested parties in the processes of drafting legal regulations and other acts in BH institutions.



Public consultation is an important means of ensuring that any future legislation is effective in achieving its objectives, fully comprehensible to all stakeholders and, most importantly, consistent with human rights



All laws should undergo public consultation with every interested party before they are adopted.



Also, one of the main goals of this platform is to facilitate and simplify the exchange of proposals among interested parties

Major challenges encountered and lessons learnt in relation to public participation regarding GMOs in BiH



- ▶ ways of approaching GMOs, especially in the elderly population
- ▶ despite the large number of printed brochures, guidelines, there is still not enough knowledge of GMOs
- ▶ public into those who support and those who are bitter opponents of GMOs. Thus, while some expect that this technology will bring many positive changes to our life, and significantly raise and improve it quality of life opening unimagined perspectives, others express open fear of the possible consequences of transferring genes from organism to organism, breaking through all natural obstacles
- ▶ possible negative impacts on the natural environment and ecosystem changes
- ▶ different "moral" dilemmas that opponents of GMOs point out in first of all, they are related to the danger of "playing with borders which nature or the divine hand set", and by the relationship of the rich and poor countries and the role played by multinational corporations they can play a role in deepening the already existing too deep gap.



Future plans:

- ▶ more education through social networks
- ▶ organizing workshops/trainings regarding GMOs
- ▶ raising people's awareness through the information system
- ▶ promotion through brochures

Questions?

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GMO

A graphic illustration of a DNA double helix. The two strands of the helix are composed of various fruits and vegetables, including corn, tomatoes, cucumbers, and onions. The base pairs are represented by smaller pieces of produce like strawberries, blackberries, and pineapples. A pair of silver tweezers is shown on the right side, holding a small piece of the DNA structure.

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Thank you for your attention