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OF UKRAINE

Aarhus Convention

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LEGAL FRAMEWORK

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The Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (ratified by the Law of Ukraine № 832-XIV, dated 06.07.1999)

Law of Ukraine «On Ratification of Amendments to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters» (ratified by the Law of Ukraine № 4139-IX, dated 05.12.2024

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity (ratified by Law of Ukraine №152-IV, dated 12.09.2002)

Amendments to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (ratified by the Law of Ukraine № 4139-IX, dated 05.12.2024)

Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Additional Protocol on Liability and Compensation to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (ratified by the Law of Ukraine № 3150-IX, dated 10.06.2023)

Law of Ukraine «On the State Biosafety System in the Creation, Testing, Transportation and Use of Genetically Modified Organisms» No.1103, dated 31.05.2007 (end of validity 16.09.2026)

Law of Ukraine «On State Regulation of Genetic Engineering Activities and State Control over Placing Genetically Modified Organisms and Products on the Market» No. 3339, dated of 23.08.2023 (enters into force on 16.09.2026)

THE MAIN ASPECTS CONTROLLED BY THIS LAW:

- GENETIC ENGINEERING ACTIVITIES IN A CLOSED SYSTEM
- GENETIC ENGINEERING ACTIVITIES IN AN OPEN SYSTEM
- STATE REGISTRATION OF GMOS
- INTRODUCTION OF GMOS
- EXPORT, IMPORT AND TRANSIT OF GMOS

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THE OBJECTIVES OF THE LAW ARE:



ensuring the right of citizens to the safe use of GMOs

protection of citizens in case of harm to their health due to the consumption of GMOs

forbidden to release GMOs without an environmental impact assessment (taking into account public participation)

industrial production and introduction into circulation of GMOs and GM products before their state registration is prohibited

INFORMATION ON THE HANDLING OF GMOS IS OPEN AND PUBLICLY AVAILABLE, EXCEPT FOR INFORMATION WITH RESTRICTED ACCESS

INFORMATION ON THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF GMOS ON HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT CANNOT BE CLASSIFIED AS INFORMATION WITH RESTRICTED ACCESS

If the GMO content is more than 0.9 percent, it is mandatory to write: "Contains GMOs."

Law of Ukraine 'On Information for Consumers Regarding Food Products'

If there are no GMOs, you can write: "Without GMOs," but only after confirmation by analysis.

Changes that come into effect on on 16.09.2026



delimitation of powers of state authorities to provide elimination of duplication of functions in the field of GMO management



improving the risk assessment system for GMOs regarding their possible impact on human health and the environment



strengthening state control over the handling of GMOs, as well as establishing liability for violations of legislation in this area



improving the requirements for labeling GM products and introducing rules for their traceability



introduction of a European mechanism for state registration of GMOs

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The Law of Ukraine «On State Regulation of Genetic Engineering Activities and State Control over the Placing on the Market of Genetically Modified Organisms and Products» determines that the State Policy in the Field of GMO Management is based on the principles of openness - ensuring free access to information on genetic engineering activities in Ukraine, GM products and GMO management



THE APPLICATION FOR STATE REGISTRATION OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS, INCLUDING THE MATERIALS OF THE REGISTRATION DOSSIER (EXCEPT FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION), ARE PUBLISHED ON THE OFFICIAL WEBSITE OF THE MINISTRY ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE OF UKRAINE WITHIN 10 WORKING DAYS FROM THE DATE OF ITS SUBMISSION.



ANY PERSON WITHIN THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE APPLICATION ON THE OFFICIAL WEBSITE OF THE MINISTRY ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE OF UKRAINE HAS THE RIGHT TO SUBMIT OBJECTIONS TO THE APPLICATION IN WRITING TO THE MINISTRY

Resolution of the Cabinet of Minister of Ukraine «On approval of the Procedure for maintaining the State Register of Genetically Modified Organisms» №451, dated of 15.04.2025

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State Register of Genetically Modified Organisms will be a modern information and communication system that ensures accounting, storage, processing and public access to information about gmos that have passed state registration

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGISTER WILL ALLOW

- TO KEEP A CENTRALIZED RECORD OF ALL REGISTERED GMOS
- TO CONTROL THE DISTRIBUTION OF GMOS

after 16.09.2026 will start to function

- TO MONITOR GMOS
- TO DISSEMINATE RELEVANT INFORMATION AMONG BOTH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND THE PUBLIC

The of Ministry Economy, Environment and Agriculture of Ukraine provides free, round-the-clock and free access to information contained in the Register (for all personal data) through the official website

STATE REGISTER OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

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THE FOLLOWING DATA WILL BE ENTERED INTO THE REGISTER



- name of GMO, genetically modified source, taxon (species)
- unique identification number of the GM source
- characteristics of the GMO
- intended purpose (cultivation, processing, use in food, feed, etc.)
- methodology for determining GMO
- information on restrictions on placing on the market
- availability of a post-registration monitoring plan
- information about the owner or possessor of the GMO and the GM source
- dates of registration, termination, suspension or cancellation of registration (if any)

Thank you for attention

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