

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS

of June 19, 1998, No. 963

ON THE ESTABLISHMENT

OF THE NATIONAL COORDINATION BIOSAFETY CENTRE

(as worded in the Resolution of the Council of Ministers of June 19, 2019 No. 404)

In order to ensure the effective participation of the Republic of Belarus in the conservation of biological diversity and coordination, at the national level, the activities under the Convention on Biological Diversity adopted on June 5, 1992 in Rio de Janeiro concerning the safe use of modern biotechnology achievements, the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus DECIDES:

1. Adopt a proposal of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus coordinated with the Ministries involved and other Republican bodies of the State Administration on the establishment of the National Coordination Biosafety Centre assigning its functions to the Institute of Genetics and Cytology of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus.

2. Acknowledge that the main objectives of the National Coordination Biosafety Centre are as follows:

Collection, analysis and systematization of information on the legislation of the Republic of Belarus and scientific research on biosafety-related issues, risk assessment of possible adverse effects of genetically engineered organisms on human health and the environment, testing of genetically engineered objects, the import into the Republic of Belarus, the export from the Republic of Belarus and the transit through its territory of genetically engineered organisms, the use of genetically engineered organisms and products based on them for economic purposes in the Republic of Belarus, as well as information on biosafety of international information systems and information networks in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Belarus; international treaties of the Republic of Belarus;
(as worded in the Resolution of the Council of Ministers of June 19, 2019 No. 404)

Providing biosafety-related information to legal entities and individuals;
(as worded in the Resolution of the Council of Ministers of June 19, 2019 No. 404)

Information exchange with Coordination Biosafety Centres of other countries, international organizations;

Organizing of scientific expertise in safety of genetically engineered organisms and products based on them destined for use in the territory of the Republic of Belarus;

Providing consultative services to Ministries and other Republican bodies of the State Administration in the development of draft legislative acts related to the import (export) and safe use of genetically engineered organisms and products based on them, guidelines on risk assessment and prevention for the environment and human health, safety instructions for Genetic Engineering Laboratories;

Consultative services to Ministries and other Republican bodies of the State Administration in preparing of proposals for bilateral and regional agreements, in the development of international agreements on biosafety issues;

Formation of a Databank on genetically engineered organisms.

(the Paragraph included by the Resolution of the Council of Ministers of June 19, 2019 No. 404)

3. Ministries and other Republican bodies of the State Administration, all economic entities exercising their activities in the field of biology and biotechnology shall provide assistance to the Institute of Genetics and Cytology of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus in exercising functions of the National Coordination Biosafety Centre.

4. The State Committee on Science and Technology in determining the amount of the Republican budget funds allocated by the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus for fundamental research in 1999 and subsequent years shall stipulate in line with the established procedure the allocation of budgetary provisions to cover the expenses of the Institute of Genetics and Cytology related to the fulfillment of functions of the National Coordination Biosafety Centre.

Prime Minister
of the Republic of Belarus

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