

4.16 Lebanon



4.16.1 Biosafety Lebanon -National Biosafety Framework (2005)

The framework aims to

- (a) establish a regulatory regime for biosafety, and legalize the research, development and testing of GMOs and GM products, assessment of environmental release commercialization, sales and use of all products resulting from modern biotechnology
- (b) establish an administrative system for the management of biosafety related issues
- (c) establish a transparent decision-making system that outlines processes for handling notifications involving GMOs (e.g. trans - boundary movement, transit, domestic use, contained use, placing on the market, intentional release into the environment). This system also includes a system for risk assessment and management, and specific strategies for promoting access to information and public participation
- (d) establish systems for the monitoring and enforcement of biosafety measures
- (e) capacity building for biosafety management by promoting and facilitating public awareness, education and participation and human resource development

Source:

1. *Biosafety Lebanon- National Biosafety Framework Ministry of Environment – Lebanon, p 88. Available at (<http://www.unep.org/biosafety/files/LBNBFrep.pdf>; accessed on 29 March 2008).*