
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2003 No. 167

The Genetically Modified Organisms (Deliberate Release) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003

PART I
GENERAL

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these regulations –

“the Advisory Committee on Releases to the Environment” means the Committee appointed by the Department under Article 22A of the Order;

“antibiotic resistance markers” means genes employed in the modification of an organism to make that organism express resistance to a particular antibiotic or antibiotics;

“application for consent to release” shall include any notification made under the First Simplified Procedure (crop plants) Decision;

“approved product” means a product permitted to be marketed by a consent granted under Article 8(1) of the Order or in accordance with Article 15(3), 17(6) or 18(2) of the Deliberate Release Directive or Article 13(2) or (4) of the 1990 Directive;

“the Commission” means the European Commission;

“the Contained Use Directive” means Council Directive [90/219/EEC\(1\)](#) on the contained use of genetically modified micro-organisms as amended by Commission Directive [1994/51/EC](#) and Directive [98/81/EC](#);

“the Deliberate Release Directive” means Council Directive [2001/18/EC\(2\)](#) on the deliberate release into the environment of genetically modified organisms;

“electronic communication” means the same as in the Electronic Communications (Northern Ireland) Act 2001(3);

“environmental risk assessment” means the environmental risk assessment required to be contained in an application for consent to release or market genetically modified organisms by regulation 11(1)(c) and regulation 16(2)(c);

“the Executive” means the Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland;

“the First Simplified Procedure (crop plants) Decision” means Commission Decision 94//730/EC(4);

“genetically modified organisms” means a genetically modified organism or a combination of genetically modified organisms;

(1) O.J. No. L117, 8.5.1990, p. 1

(2) O.J. No. L106, 17.4.2001, p. 1

(3) [2001 c. 9](#)

(4) O.J. No. L292, 12.11.1994, p. 31

“higher plant” means a plant belonging to the taxonomic group *Spermatophytae* (*Gymnospermae* or *Angiospermae*);

“monitoring plan” means the plan required by regulation 16(2)(g);

“the Order” means the Genetically Modified Organisms (Northern Ireland) Order 1991;

“the register” means the public register kept by the Department under Article 19 of the Order;

“the 1990 Directive” means Council Directive [1990/220/EEC\(5\)](#) on the deliberate release into the environment of genetically modified organisms as amended by Commission Directive [1994/15/EC\(6\)](#) and Commission Directive [1997/35/EC\(7\)](#);

“the 1994 Regulations” means the Genetically Modified Organisms (Deliberate Release) Regulations (NI) 1994(8);

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(9) shall apply to these regulations as it applies to an Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

(5) O.J. No. L1117, 8.5.1990, p. 15

(6) O.J. No. L103, 22.4.1994, p. 20

(7) O.J. No. L169, 27.6.1997, p. 72

(8) [S.R. 1994 No. 144](#) as amended by the Genetically Modified Organisms (Deliberate Release) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 ([S.R. 1995 No. 413](#)), the Genetically Modified Organisms (Deliberate Release and Risk Assessment) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997 ([S.R. 1997 No. 534](#)) and the Genetically Modified Organisms (Contained Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 ([S.R. 2001 No. 295](#))

(9) [1954 c. 33 \(N.I.\)](#)