

Regulation (EC) No 1946/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council
of 15 July 2003 on transboundary movements of genetically modified organisms

CHAPTER IV

COMMON PROVISIONS

Article 17

Competent authorities and focal points

- 1 The Commission shall designate a Community focal point and shall, where appropriate, identify any Community competent authority.
- 2 Each Member State shall designate one focal point, as well as one or more competent authorities. A single entity may fulfil the functions of both focal point and competent authority.
- 3 The Commission, on behalf of the Community, and each Member State respectively shall, no later than the date of entry into force of the Protocol for them, inform the Secretariat of the names and addresses of their focal points and their competent authorities. Where a Member State or the Commission designates more than one competent authority, it shall, when conveying this to the Secretariat, include relevant information on the respective responsibilities of those authorities. Where applicable, such information shall, as a minimum, specify which competent authority is responsible for which type of GMO. The Commission and the Member States shall forthwith inform the Secretariat of any changes in the designation of their focal points or in the name and address or responsibilities of their competent authority or authorities.

Changes to legislation:

There are outstanding changes not yet made to REGULATION (EC) No 1946/2003 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL. Any changes that have already been made to the legislation appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- Regulation words omitted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(15\)](#)
- Art. 17(3) words substituted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2019/90, reg. 5(12)(c) by [S.I. 2020/1421 Sch. para. 3\(10\)\(a\)](#)
- Art. 17(3) words substituted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2019/90, reg. 5(12)(c) by [S.I. 2020/1421 Sch. para. 3\(10\)\(b\)](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole legislation item and associated provisions

- Annex 1(c) words substituted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2019/90, reg. 5(16) (a) by [S.I. 2020/1421 Sch. para. 3\(12\)\(a\)](#)
- Annex 1(m) words substituted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2019/90, reg. 5(16) (b) by [S.I. 2020/1421 Sch. para. 3\(12\)\(b\)](#)
- Annex 3(b) words substituted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2019/90, reg. 5(17) by [S.I. 2020/1421 Sch. para. 3\(13\)](#)
- Art. 1 word omitted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 1 words omitted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- Art. 1 words omitted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- Annex 1(c) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(16\)\(a\)](#)
- Annex 1(m) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(16\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- Annex 1(m) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(16\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- Annex 3(b) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(17\)](#)
- Art. 3(10)(a) substituted by S.I. 2019/90, reg. 5(3)(a) (as substituted) by [S.I. 2019/759 reg. 12\(2\)](#)
- Art. 3(10)(a) substituted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2019/90, reg. 5(3)(a) by [S.I. 2020/1421 Sch. para. 3\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- Art. 3(10)(a) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(3\)\(a\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 5(3)(a) substituted immediately before IP completion day by S.I. 2019/759, regs. 1(a), 12(2))
- Art. 3(11) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 3(11) words substituted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2019/90, reg. 5(3)(b) by [S.I. 2020/1421 Sch. para. 3\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 3(12) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- Art. 3(12) words substituted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2019/90, reg. 5(3)(c) by [S.I. 2020/1421 Sch. para. 3\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- Art. 3(14) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(3\)\(d\)](#)
- Art. 3(15) substituted by S.I. 2019/90, reg. 5(3)(da) (as inserted) by [S.I. 2020/1421 Sch. para. 3\(2\)\(d\)](#)
- Art. 3(19) substituted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(3\)\(e\)](#)
- Art. 3(19) words inserted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2019/90, reg. 5(3)(e) by [S.I. 2020/1421 Sch. para. 3\(2\)\(e\)](#)
- Art. 3(19A) inserted by S.I. 2019/90, reg. 5(3)(ea) (as inserted) by [S.I. 2020/1421 Sch. para. 3\(2\)\(f\)](#)
- Art. 3(20) substituted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(3\)\(f\)](#)
- Art. 3(20) words inserted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2019/90, reg. 5(3)(f) by [S.I. 2020/1421 Sch. para. 3\(2\)\(g\)](#)
- Art. 3(20A) inserted by S.I. 2019/90, reg. 5(3)(fa) (as substituted) by [S.I. 2020/1421 Sch. para. 3\(2\)\(g\)](#)
- Art. 3(22)(23) inserted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(3\)\(g\)](#)

- Art. 3(22) words substituted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2019/90, reg. 5(3)(g) by [S.I. 2020/1421 Sch. para. 3\(2\)\(h\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 3(23) word inserted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2019/90, reg. 5(3)(g) by [S.I. 2020/1421 Sch. para. 3\(2\)\(h\)\(ii\)\(aa\)](#)
- Art. 3(23) words substituted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2019/90, reg. 5(3)(g) by [S.I. 2020/1421 Sch. para. 3\(2\)\(h\)\(ii\)\(bb\)](#)
- Art. 3(24) inserted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2019/90, reg. 5(3)(g) by [S.I. 2020/1421 Sch. para. 3\(2\)\(h\)\(iii\)](#)
- Art. 5(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- Art. 5(5) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 6 heading words substituted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- Art. 6 words substituted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 6 words substituted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(5\)\(c\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 6 words substituted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(5\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 9(1) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(6\)\(a\)\(i\)\(aa\)](#)
- Art. 9(1) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(6\)\(a\)\(i\)\(bb\)](#)
- Art. 9(1) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(6\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 9(3) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(6\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 9(4) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(6\)\(c\)](#)
- Art. 10(3) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(7\)](#)
- Art. 12(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(8\)\(a\)](#)
- Art. 12(5) word omitted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(8\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 14(1) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(9\)\(a\)](#)
- Art. 14(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(9\)\(b\)\(i\)\(aa\)](#)
- Art. 14(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(9\)\(b\)\(i\)\(bb\)](#)
- Art. 14(2)(a) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(9\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 15(1) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(10\)\(a\)\(i\)\(bb\)](#)
- Art. 15(1) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(10\)\(a\)\(i\)\(aa\)](#)
- Art. 15(1)(c) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(10\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 15(1)(e) substituted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(10\)\(a\)\(iii\)](#)
- Art. 15(1)(e) words omitted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2019/90, reg. 5(10)(a)(iii) by [S.I. 2020/1421 Sch. para. 3\(8\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 15(1)(e) words substituted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2019/90, reg. 5(10)(a)(iii) by [S.I. 2020/1421 Sch. para. 3\(8\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 15(1)(f) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(10\)\(a\)\(iv\)](#)
- Art. 15(1)(f) words substituted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2019/90, reg. 5(10)(a)(iv) by [S.I. 2020/1421 Sch. para. 3\(8\)\(c\)](#)
- Art. 15(1)(h) substituted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(10\)\(a\)\(v\)](#)
- Art. 15(1)(h) words omitted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2019/90, reg. 5(10)(a)(v) by [S.I. 2020/1421 Sch. para. 3\(8\)\(d\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 15(1)(i) words substituted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2019/90, reg. 5(10)(a)(v) by [S.I. 2020/1421 Sch. para. 3\(8\)\(d\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 15(2) omitted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(10\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 16(1) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(11\)\(a\)](#)
- Art. 16(4) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(11\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 17 heading word substituted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(12\)\(a\)](#)
- Art. 17(1) omitted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(12\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 17(2) omitted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(12\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 17(3) substituted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(12\)\(c\)](#)
- Art. 18 omitted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(13\)](#)
- Art. 19(1) omitted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(14\)\(a\)](#)
- Art. 19(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(14\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 19(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/90 reg. 5\(14\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)