

NOTIFICATION**Survey on the extension of the OECD Unique Identifier system to transgenic animals**

Dear Sir or Madam,

The current unique identifier system for transgenic plants provides a universally understood descriptor and facilitates access to information on the products derived from modern biotechnology. International biosafety databases, including the Biosafety Clearing-House, have adopted this system of unique identifiers for commercialized living modified plants. However, a system for unique identifiers for other types of living modified organisms, such as for animals, has yet to be developed.

The development of unique identifiers for living modified animals has been encouraged by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety in decisions BS-I/6 and BS-VI/8, as well as by the Biosafety Clearing-House Informal Advisory Committee at their eleventh and twelfth meetings.

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development has launched an online survey to collect opinions on the development of unique identifiers for transgenic animals. The survey targets experts involved in the field of animal biotechnology and national regulators.

Thus, I kindly encourage the national focal points for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the national focal points for the Biosafety Clearing-House, as well as relevant biosafety organizations, to participate in this survey, which is available at the following link:
<https://survey.oecd.org/index.php?r=survey/index&sid=810810>.

The deadline for completion of the survey is 6 December 2024.

Please accept, Sir, Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary

To: Cartagena Protocol national focal points, BCH focal points, relevant organizations