

4.3 Bhutan



4.3.1 Food Act (2005)

The Act addresses the issue of food safety, including that resulting from GM food.

4.3.2 Draft National Biosafety Framework (2007)

A draft National Biosafety Framework prepared according to the National Environment Commission, Bhutan. The draft has been submitted for approval of the Royal Government

Ministerial Decree 2000

Banned all import of GMOs.

Other related Regulations

4.3.3 Plant Quarantine Act (1993)

The Act safeguards agricultural and wild flora from introduced pests, defined as “any form of plant or animal life, or any pathogenic agent, injurious or potentially injurious to plants or plant product.” It also ensures that all imported plants are quarantined and screened prior to entry into the country.

4.3.4 Seed Act (2000)

The Act regulates import and export of agriculture seeds with the purpose of preventing the introduction of pests and diseases and also promoting the seed industry in the country to enhance rural income and livelihood.

4.3.5 Environmental Assessment Act (2000)

The Act applies to strategic plans, policies, programs and projects which may have an impact on the environment

4.3.6 Livestock Act (2000)

The Act ensures the quality control in terms of appropriate breeds of livestock, poultry and fish introduced into Bhutan.

4.3.7 Biodiversity Act (2003)

The Act ensures the national sovereignty of the Royal Government of Bhutan over its genetic resources in accordance with Convention on Biological Diversity.

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