

## 4.10 Iran



### 4.10.1 National Biosafety Framework (2007) (Draft)

The Framework includes the following features:

- (a) The country's macro policy regarding modern biotechnology, agricultural products, health, environmental protection and sustainable development.
- (b) The laws, regulations and administrative systems.
- (c) The development of a suitable system to deal with requests regarding specific and legal activities such as the release of LMOs in the environment and, if necessary, farm experiments. This system also deals with procedures and decision making methods of risk assessment.
- (d) The development of a system for the assessment and supervision of possible harmful effects of LMOs on the environment and human health.
- (e) The application of methods for informing, educating and involving interested individuals, institutes and the public regarding the development and the administration methods.

### Other related Regulations

#### 4.10.2 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act (1974)

Article 1 of the Act acknowledges the necessity to protect and improve the environment and considers any destructive measure which ends in a disturbance of the balance of the environment, a responsibility of the Department of the Environment.

#### 4.10.3 Plants Protection Act (1967)

The Act and its relevant directives, requires permits from the Ministry of Agriculture for importing any plant or plant part. Under this Act, an independent department titled the Department of Biosafety, Gene Reserves, Plasmids and Micro-organisms was established in 1999 in the Research Institute for Agricultural Biotechnology, a part of the Research and Training Organization of the Ministry of Agricultural Jihad.

#### 4.10.4 Executive By-Law on Sanitary Supervision and Control of Poisonous and Chemical Materials (1999)

Producers of chemicals and poisonous materials are bound to use special labels, and provide adequate warning with regard to the utilization of used chemicals and containers. In addition, sellers/dealers of poisonous and chemical materials are bound to avoid the sale of such materials that do not bear an adequate label on their package.

**Source:**

1. Draft National Biosafety Framework (2004) of Islamic Republic of Iran, by Department of Environment. (Available at <http://www.unep.ch/biosafety/development/Countryreports/IRNBFramep.pdf>; accessed on 11 February 2008)
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