

4.29 Samoa



4.29.1 Samoa's National Biosafety Framework (2004) (draft)

Samoa's National Biosafety Framework is a combination of policy, legal, administrative and technical instruments to ensure adequate level of protection for the safe transfer, handling and use of GMOs. It aims to safely manage GMOs that may have adverse effects on conservation and the sustainable use of biological diversity, also taking into account possible risks to human health.

4.29.2 Biological Diversity Protection Bill (2004) (draft)

The bill aims to protect Samoa's biological diversity and to regulate the development, use, handling, and transboundary movement of GMOs and the applications of modern biotechnology. The main objectives of the bill are to:

- (a) manage importation, development, field testing, fermentation, release, or export of GMOs
- (b) protect Samoa's biodiversity, environment, and people from adverse effects from GMOs
- (c) manage import and release of organisms that are not GMOs and are also not found in Samoa

4.29.3 Biosafety (Genetically Modified Organisms) Regulations (2004) (draft)

Supporting regulation to the Draft Biological Diversity Act for transboundary movements of GMOs.

Source:

1. *Samoa's National Biosafety Framework. 2004. Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, p 140. (Available at www.unep.org/biosafety/files/WSNBFrep.pdf; accessed on 29 March 2008).*