

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>NORWAY</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Norwegian Pollution Control Authority and the Directorate for Nature Management Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification can be indicated if different from above:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ ], 2.10.1 [X], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): All genetically modified organisms, except GMO's approved for placing on the market pursuant to Section 9(f) and Section 10 sixth paragraph, of the Norwegian Gene Technology Act.
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Regulations Relating to the Transport and Import of Genetically Modified Organisms (15 pages)
6.	Description of content: Transport and import of genetically modified organisms may be carried out without special approval when requirements regarding labelling and packaging are fulfilled. Approval is however required for some organisms representing a risk to health and environment. The first import of genetically modified organisms shall also be reported to the authorities.
7.	Objective and rationale: The purpose of these Regulations is to establish conditions enabling the transport and import of genetically modified organisms without the general approval required by Section 10, first paragraph, of the Norwegian Gene Technology Act.
8.	Relevant documents: Act No. 38 of April 1993 relating to the production and use of genetically modified organisms.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: } Proposed date of entry into force: } 1 January 1998
10.	Final date for comments: 19 December 1997
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