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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

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

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>SLOVENIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Energy Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 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): Genetically modified organisms, micro organisms, plants, animals, feed and seed (HS code Chapters 1 to 8 and Chapters 10 - 12, ICS 65.020) Genetically modified organisms, contained use of GMO's, deliberate release of GMO's into the environment, GMO's placing on the market including export/import of GMO's or products
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Law on Management of Genetically Modified Organisms, available in Slovenian and English languages (unofficial and unauthorized translation). Number of pages in the Official Journal: 13
6.	Description of content: The Law regulates management of GMO's and determines measures for preventing and reducing possible adverse environmental effects, especially in relation to preserving biological diversity, and on human health, which could occur during work with GMO's in contained use, their deliberate release into the environment or placing on the market as such, and / or in products containing GMO's or consisting of them or their combinations. It also regulates the import and export of GMO's and products referred to above.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Enabling safe use of biotechnology and to regulate the field of treatment of GMO's in Slovenia, to fill up the legal gap on the field of treatment of GMO's and to implement the obligations from the accession conditions for the membership in EU
8.	Relevant documents: Act is prepared on the basis of: UNEP International Technical Guidelines for Safety in Biotechnology, Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, Enabling Safe Use Of Biotechnology, CEN/TC 233 Biotechnology Standards, EU Legislation (Directive 90/219/EEC, Directive 98/81/EC, Directive 2001/18/EC)
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Published in the Official Journal RS, Nr. 67/02 in Slovenian language Proposed date of entry into force: 10 August 2002
10.	Final date for comments: -
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body: