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Government response to the Consultation on the  
Deliberate Release into the Environment of Genetically  
Modified Organisms (Amendment) Regulations, 2019

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# Executive Summary

## Introduction and overview

1. A brief introduction about the subject.

The draft Regulations seek to amend the Deliberate Release into the Environment of Genetically Modified Organisms Regulations (S.L 549.60, i.e. the principal regulations). The objectives of the amendment are:

- I. To transpose Directive (EU) 2015/412 amending Directive 2001/18/EC as regards the possibility for the Member States to restrict or prohibit the cultivation of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in their territory;
- II. To transpose Directive (EU) 2018/350 amending Directive 2001/18/EC as regards the environmental risk assessment of genetically modified organisms;
- III. To address minor inconsistencies between the principal regulations and Directive 2001/18/EC;
- IV. To designate an entity responsible for genetically modified food and feed as per the provisions of the Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003; and
- V. To increase court penalties to render them commensurate to the application fees.

2. The public consultation date.

Include the objective and purpose of the public consultation.

The draft Deliberate Release into the Environment of Genetically Modified Organisms (Amendment) Regulations, 2019 were issued for public consultation for a period of four weeks, beginning on 11th February 2019, until 11th March 2019, in line with article 55 of the Environment Protection Act (Cap. 549). Members of the public were invited to make comments and suggestions as to how the regulations could be amended to reach their ultimate aim.

3. This consultation sought views on:

- The text contained within the draft Deliberate Release into the Environment of Genetically Modified Organisms (Amendment) Regulations, 2019

## Responses to the consultation and process used to seek stakeholder views

This document is the Government Response to this consultation and sets out the Government's decisions on these matters.

4. The closing date of the public consultation. Which methods were used to receive the feedback. The total amount of responses. From whom you received the feedback.

The public consultation ended on 11th March 2019. The documents were made available online, through the ERA website and through MEAE, and comments may have been submitted electronically. No comments or suggestions were submitted by members of the general public during this consultation period.

5. Include (if any) meetings with stakeholders and list who the stakeholders were.

N/A

## Summary of responses and decisions

The following is a summary of the consultation responses received. We would like to thank all those who took the time to respond to the consultation and participate in stakeholder meetings around the consultation exercise.

6. Statistics.

- Total feedback received: 0
- Total feedback received by individuals: X
- Total feedback received by organisations: X
- Total feedback received through email: X
- Total feedback received through online form: X
- Total feedback received by post: X

7. Summary of feedback received.

N/A

8. Your assessment and the Government's decision (list the Government's decisions).

N/A

## Implementation

9. When you intend to implement the decisions

The Regulations will be published in the coming months.

## Contact Details

If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact: [international.affairs@era.org.mt](mailto:international.affairs@era.org.mt)

## Annex A: List of respondents

Organisation
N/A