

Contained use of genetically modified micro-organisms GMM (amend. Directive 90/219/EEC)

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OBJECTIVE: to revise Directive 90/219/EEC in the light of scientific progress and to simplify the administrative procedures applicable to the contained use of genetically modified micro-organisms (GMMs), while maintaining an adequate level of protection for the environment and human health which is at least equal to that achieved under the present directive. **COMMUNITY MEASURE:** Directive 98/81/EC amending Directive 90/219/EEC on the contained use of genetically modified micro-organisms. **CONTENT:** the directive makes provision for administrative procedures, rules of notification and containment and protection measures based on the risk presented by the contained use of GMMs. GMMs are classified in four classes of risk (no risk, low risk, moderate risk, high risk). The rationalised procedure will be followed where safety is not affected. The minimum containment and control measures applicable to each of the four risk classes are specified and the method for adapting the directive to future technical progress is simplified. The directive provides for the authorities to ensure that emergency plans are established before contained use commences and for information on these emergency plans to be supplied to the bodies and authorities likely to be affected by an accident. Member States are also required: - where they may be affected by an accident, to consult other Member States on the implementation of emergency plans; - to inform the Commission as quickly as possible of any accident which comes under the scope of the directive. Member States must submit summary reports on experiences acquired within the framework of the directive to the Commission every three years, starting on 5 June 2003. **ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 5 December 1998. **DEADLINE FOR TRANSPOSITION:** 5 June 2000.