

Mexico's experiences in inter-agency communication

Biosafety webinar
Good practices for effective national communication
mechanisms
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Biosafety regulatory framework in Mexico

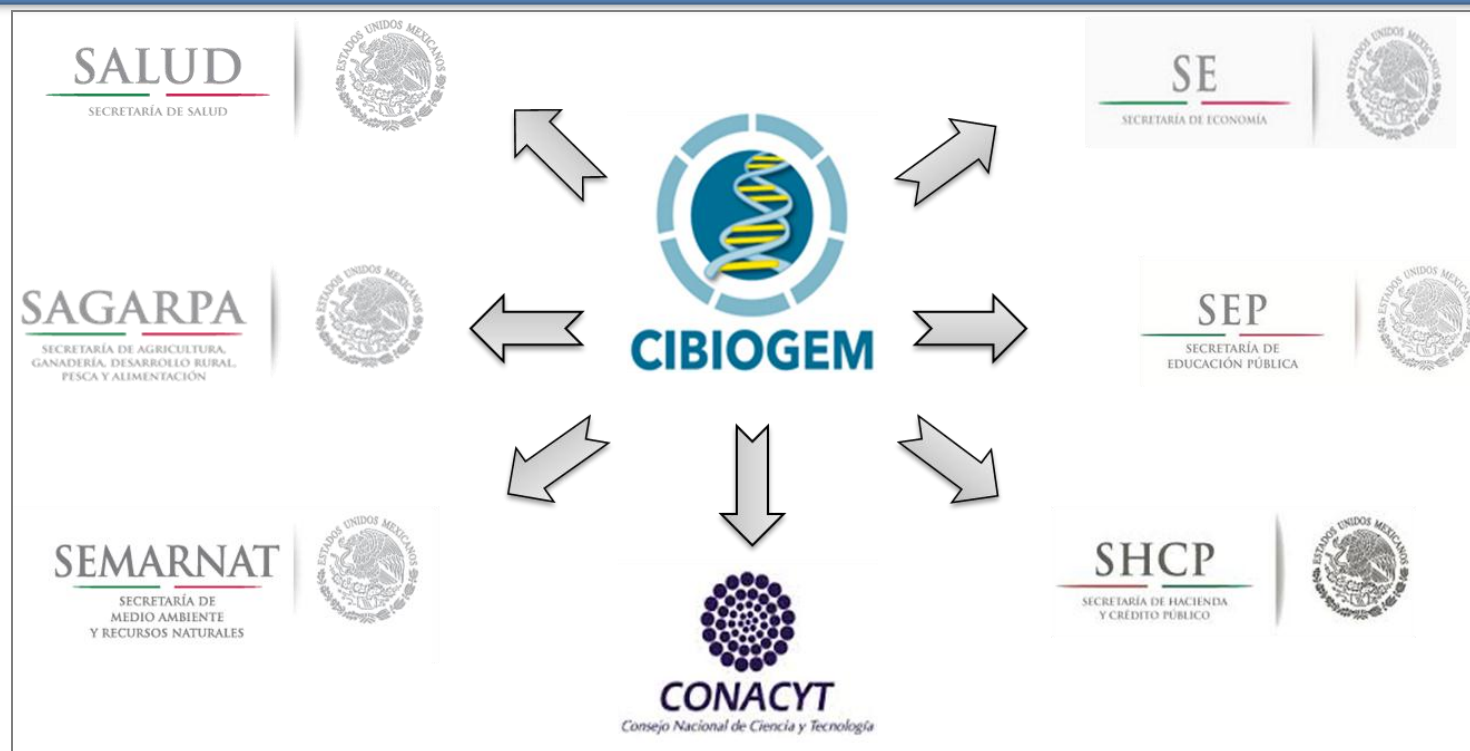
- 1995. Standard for field trial evaluation of genetically engineered plants NOM- FITO 056 (Cancelled 2008).
- 1999. Presidential agreement for the creation of the Inter-Secretarial Commission on Biosafety of Genetically Modified Organisms
- 2002. Ratification of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the CBD
- 2005. Biosafety Law of Genetically Modified Organisms



Several derived regulations: bylaws, standards, coordination protocols, rules of procedure, guidance.

*Define and coordinate the policies from Federal Public Administration related to **biosafety of genetically modified organisms**.*

(Article 19 of the Biosafety Law on Genetically Modified Organisms LBOGMs)



National
Committees
for Standards

Executive Secretariat

Technical
Committee

Scientific Advisory
Council

Multi-sector
Advisory Council

Main Law objective:

To regulate **activities** with GMOs to prevent, avoid, or reduce potential risks to human health, the environment, and biodiversity, and to protect the health of plants, animals, and aquaculture.

Inter-secretarial Coordination



Imports/Exports



Confined Use

Teaching and research
Commercial and Industrial

Environmental release

Experimental
Pre-commercial
Commercial

Commercialization

Food, feed, processing
Bioremediation
Public health

**ADMINISTRATIVE
ACT**

NOTIFICATIONS

PERMITS

AUTHORIZATIONS

**COMPETENT
AUTHORITY**

SEMARNAT
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SALUD
SECRETARÍA DE SALUD

Environmental Release PERMIT

- Experimental
- Pilot
- Commercial

Competent Authorities
According to the LMO

Decision
communicated
to Executive
Secretary of



NISBiosafety
NRGMOs
BCH
GMO Platform
OECD Biotrack

Secretary of Agriculture



Binding technical
opinion

Technical opinion

Secretary of Environment



Formal and informal direct communication

DIRECCIÓN GENERAL DE
IMPACTO Y RIESGO
AMBIENTAL

Decision based
on risk
assessment

Scientific Technical Committee
SUBSECRETARÍA DE AGRICULTURA



Servicio Nacional de Inspección
y Certificación de Semillas



Instituto
Nacional
de Pesca



CONANP
COMISIÓN NACIONAL
DE ÁREAS NATURALES
PROTEGIDAS



PROFEP
PROCURADURÍA FEDERAL DE
PROTECCIÓN AL AMBIENTE

- Different perspectives from different agencies need to reach consensus, this take time.
- Human resources (not enough personnel and personnel replacement), need continuous training and capacity building.
- Lack of an electronic automated system for efficient management of applications (we are working on this).
- Need to communicate better with the public on what we do, to foster transparency and trust.
- Outreach of stakeholders and mechanisms for facilitating public awareness for different objective groups.

- Information sharing among platforms (interconnectivity) will facilitate submission and availability of information,
- Facilitating communication with innovative interacting platforms and harmonized formats, helping to develop communication strategies and tools for different proposes,
- Feedback on missing data, double check (control), highlight mistakes while feeding the different data bases,
- Contribute to capacity building: workshops on how to use databases, sharing experiences and best practices.