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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The Genetically Modified Organisms (Contained Use) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994

Made	*12th April 1994*
Coming into operation . .	*1st June 1994*

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 5(5), (7) and 24 of the Genetically Modified Organisms (Northern Ireland) Order 1991(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as The Genetically Modified Organisms (Contained Use) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994 and shall come into operation on 1st June 1994.

2. In these regulations—

"the Order" means the Genetically Modified Organisms (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, and

"the Contained Use Regulations" means the Genetically Modified Organisms (Contained Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994(**b**).

Period for which records of risk assessments must be kept

3. The period for which a person who carries out an assessment under Article 5(1)(*a*) of the Order (risk assessment requirements) shall keep a record of that assessment is 10 years.

Exemptions from requirement to carry out risk assessments

4.—(1) A person who imports or acquires genetically modified organisms shall be exempt from the requirements of Article 5(1)(*a*) of the Order in so far as they relate to the protection of human health.

(2) A person who imports or acquires genetically modified organisms shall be exempt from the requirements of Article 5(1)(*a*) of the Order where the organisms to be imported or acquired—

(*a*) are micro-organisms as defined in the Contained Use Regulations,

(*b*) are non-pathogenic naturally occurring organisms which—

(**a**) S.I. 1991/1714 (N.I. 19)
(**b**) S.R. 1994 No. 143