

Fifth meeting of the Global Low Level Presence Initiative (GLI)

The key objective of the GLI is to foster collaborative work to develop practical approaches designed to facilitate the management of LLP globally and the international trade of agriculture commodities. The GLI provides an opportunity to importing and exporting countries to exchange information and develop solutions to address LLP. The GLI does not impose commitments to reach binding policy agreements.

Objectives for the 5th GLI meeting:

- Strive to endorse the Global Low-Level Presence Initiative (GLI) Statement: *Principles, Criteria and Practical Approaches for Addressing Low-Level Presence (LLP) in International Food and Feed Trade of Plant Material*;
- Advance the dialogue towards practical approaches to address LLP situations, which includes discussions on thresholds considerations, LLP safety/risk assessments and regulatory cooperation; and,
- Take stock of GLI progress since last GLI meeting, and update International Workplan on LLP.

Annotated meeting agenda:

June 14, 2017 First Day Session
Government – only session (9:30—10:45)
Opening Session and Welcoming Remarks (co-chairs)
Review of the objectives of the meeting and information on logistical details (co-chairs)
Roundtable on countries’ legal and regulatory frameworks related to unapproved events and LLP Purpose: One representative from each participating country will be asked to speak for approximately 5 minutes on their legal and regulatory frameworks related to unapproved events.
<u>Preparatory questions to consider:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Has your country experienced a situation of LLP or adventitious presence recently?

- **What is your country's regulatory framework on LLP and/or adventitious presence?**

Coffee Break (10:45— 11:00)

Government–industry sessions (11:00 – 11:45)

Presentation of GLI Statement: *Principles, Criteria and Practical Approaches for Addressing Low-Level Presence (LLP) in International Food and Feed Trade of Plant Material* (United States)

Purpose: The United States will present the *GLI Statement on Principles, Criteria and Practical Approaches for Addressing LLP in International Food and Feed Trade of Plant Materials*.

Industry Contributions to GLI Statement: *Principles, Criteria and Practical Approaches for Addressing Low-Level Presence (LLP) in International Food and Feed Trade of Plant Material* (United States)

Purpose: Industry will present their contributions to the *GLI Statement on Principles, Criteria and Practical Approaches for Addressing LLP in International Food and Feed Trade of Plant Materials*.

Government – only session (11:45– 12:30)

Presentation of the visual on practical approaches for addressing LLP

Purpose: A presentation of the visual document based on the *GLI Statement: Principles, Criteria and Practical Approaches for Addressing LLP in International Food and Feed Trade of Plant Materials*. Some GLI members have suggested that a visual representation would be useful in simplifying the concepts explored in the document.

Government discussion on endorsement of GLI Statement: *Principles, Criteria and Practical Approaches for Addressing Low-Level Presence (LLP) in International Food and Feed Trade of Plant Material* (United States)

Purpose: Members will be asked to share any outstanding comments on this document and consider the endorsement of the document.

Lunch time (12:30 -13:30)

Government–industry sessions (13:30 – 17:30)
Session on Threshold Considerations (13:30 – 15:00)
Considerations for threshold setting (Canada)
Purpose: Canada will present its LLP Policy Model, including the approach used to determine a threshold for LLP.
Considerations for threshold setting – industry approach (industry)
Purpose: Industry representatives will present their views and considerations in setting a threshold for LLP, and will lead a discussion on asynchronous approvals.
Coffee Break (15:00-15:15)
Session on LLP Safety Assessments in Food (15:15—17:15)
Outcomes of Workshop on Safety Assessments in Situations of LLP (Argentina)
Purpose: A debrief and discussion on the outcomes of the Workshop on Safety Assessments in Situations of LLP that took place on March 14-15, 2017, in Buenos Aires, Argentina.
Compilation of Existing Information Databases on Biotechnology (IICA)
Purpose: A presentation of a comparative analysis of existing information and databases on products derived from biotechnology. The purpose this session is to strengthen countries' understanding of tools and information available to conduct risk/safety assessments in situations of LLP.
LLP Risk Assessments: Industry Best Practices (Industry)
Purpose: A presentation on ways that industry can assist countries in performing LLP risk assessments. (tbc)
Adjourn (17:15)
Reception (19:00 -21:00)

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Second Day Session**

Government-only sessions (8:30—9:45)

Recap of Day 1 (co-chairs)

Session on LLP Risk Management (8:45 – 9:45)

Presentation on LLP regulatory compliance, risk management challenges and best practices

Purpose: This session will focus on innovative approaches to managing LLP within existing regulatory frameworks. Countries will discuss practical questions such as how to approach zero tolerance, how to determine if and how LLP risk assessments should be used, and how to balance compliance enforcement with trade facilitation.

Preparatory questions to consider:

- **Does your country have a zero tolerance to unapproved events?**
 - **If so, is it embedded in your regulatory/legal framework?**
- **Does your country offer flexibility in managing unapproved events within your regulatory framework?**
 - **If so, can you provide an example?**

Government-industry sessions (9:45—12:15)

Session on Regulatory Cooperation (9:45 - 10:15)

Compilation of trade-facilitative regulatory cooperation approaches (regional approvals, joint reviews, recognition, equivalences) (IICA)

Purpose: IICA will present the results of a survey on regulatory cooperation in the context of LLP risk assessments. The presentation will describe the key principles that underpin regulatory cooperation, and identify and describe the various models of regulatory cooperation, including joint review processes, mutual recognition, and information sharing.

Coffee Break (10:15-10:30)

Highlights and Key Considerations to Facilitate LLP Risk Assessments

Purpose: This session will focus on highlights and key considerations for countries to take into account when conducting LLP risk assessments. The discussion will explore themes such as general principles for LLP risk assessments, the use of scientific rationale and other relevant data, and access to event-specific data and decision documents.

Session on Industry Stewardship (11:00: 11:30)
Presentation on Industry Stewardship programs and best practices (industry)
Purpose: Industry will present on stewardship approaches to mitigate the potential for LLP.
Final Industry-Government Session (11:30 – 12:15)
Government officials and industry representatives exchange views on future collaborative work
Purpose: A discussion on initiatives where industry and GLI members can collaborate. Industry will also provide closing remarks.
Lunch time (12:15 - 13:45)
Member-only session (13:45—16:30)
GLI membership status and new members
Purpose: GLI members will discuss potential for expansion of GLI membership.
GLI advocacy efforts and communication
Purpose: GLI members will discuss outreach, as well as importance of advocating globally for solutions to LLP.
Review and update of International Workplan on LLP: Consideration and agreement on new topics and work activities
Purpose: GLI members will agree on new topics of work and activities for the coming year.
Coffee Break (15:30 -15:45)
Review and adoption of the record of decision of the GLI meeting
Closing remarks by co-chairs
Closure of the 5th GLI meeting