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4.37.1 National Biosafety Framework (2005)

The NBF is aimed to minimize the risks from both the intentional and accidental introduction and spread of organisms with potential to have adverse impacts, including GMOs and their derivatives and processed products. Biosafety management under the NBF includes:

- (a) Risk analysis and decision making framework
- (b) Control introduction, release and establishment of new species or varieties of organisms (including monitoring, reporting and containment)
- (c) Border control, surveillance and emergency response for the exclusion and eradication of unwanted organisms and associated pathogens
- (d) Information, education and awareness to allow informed use of organisms with potential to cause harm (including labeling of foods and animal feeds) and to facilitate community responsibility
- (e) A **precautionary** approach with respect to new organisms, including GMOs and their derivatives and processed products
- (f) A system for liability and redress

Source:

1. *National Biosafety Framework. 2005. Department of Vanuatu Quarantine and Inspection Services, p 71. (Available at <http://www.unep.org/biosafety/files/VUNBFrep.pdf>; accessed on 29 March 2008).*