

DIRECTIVE 98/44/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 6 July 1998 on the legal protection of biotechnological inventions

CHAPTER I

Patentability

Article 2

- 1 For the purposes of this Directive,
 - a 'biological material' means any material containing genetic information and capable of reproducing itself or being reproduced in a biological system;
 - b 'microbiological process' means any process involving or performed upon or resulting in microbiological material.
- 2 A process for the production of plants or animals is essentially biological if it consists entirely of natural phenomena such as crossing or selection.
- 3 The concept of 'plant variety' is defined by Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 2100/94.