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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2001 No. 295**

**Genetically Modified Organisms (Contained  
Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001**

**Part III**

**Conduct of activities involving Genetic Modification**

**Information relating to accidents**

**21.**—(1) Where an accident occurs, the person undertaking the activity involving genetic modification shall forthwith inform the competent authority of the accident and shall provide the following information—

- (a) the circumstances of the accident;
- (b) the identity and quantity of the genetically modified organisms concerned;
- (c) any information necessary to assess the effects of the accident on the health of the general population and on the environment; and
- (d) any measures taken in response to the accident.

(2) Where the competent authority is informed of an accident in pursuance of paragraph (1), it shall—

- (a) ensure that any necessary measures are taken;
- (b) immediately inform those EEA States which could be affected by the accident;
- (c) collect, where possible, the information necessary for a full analysis of the accident and, where appropriate, make recommendations to avoid similar accidents in the future and to limit their effects; and
- (d) send to the European Commission—
  - (i) the information provided under paragraph (1)(a), (b) and (d),
  - (ii) information on the effectiveness of the measures taken in response to the accident, and
  - (iii) an analysis of the accident, including recommendations to limit its effects and to avoid similar accidents in the future.