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**The Genetically Modified Organisms
(Deliberate Release) Regulations 1992**

PART IV

DUTIES AFTER THE MAKING OF APPLICATIONS

Decisions by the Secretary of State on applications for consent to release

15.—(1) The Secretary of State shall not grant a consent to release genetically modified organisms as it relates to the protection of human health without the agreement of the Health and Safety Executive.

(2) The Secretary of State shall communicate his decision on an application for a consent to release genetically modified organisms to the applicant before the end of a period of 90 days beginning with the day on which the application was received.

(3) The period prescribed in paragraph (2) shall not include any period beginning with the day on which the Secretary of State gives notice in writing under section 111(6) of the Act that further information in respect of the application is required and ending with the day on which that information is received by the Secretary of State.

(4) The Secretary of State shall inform the competent authority or authorities of each member State and the Commission of his decision on each application for consent to release genetically modified organisms.

(5) The Secretary of State shall not revoke or vary a consent to release genetically modified organisms as it relates to the protection of human health without the agreement of the Health and Safety Executive.