ANNEX 3

VISITS AND INSPECTIONS BY NATIONAL AUTHORITIES
DURING THE AMFLORA GROWING SEASON 2010
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Czech Republic

2010-04-16 Several representatives from Czech Authorities (Ministry of Agriculture, Central Institute for Supervising and Testing in Agriculture - ÚKZÚZ, Ministry of Environment) joined the training on the Identity Preservation (IP) system by the IP system administrator for Amflora growers.

2010-05-05 Check by Ministry of Agriculture, Central Institute for Supervising and Testing in Agriculture - ÚKZÚZ and Ministry of Environment on seed material prior to planting.

2010-05-17 Presentation by BASF Plant Science on different aspects handling Amflora in 2010 to participants from Ministry of Agriculture, Central Institute for Supervising and Testing in Agriculture - ÚKZÚZ, State Phytosanitary Administration, Czech Agriculture and Food Inspection Authority, Ministry of Environment, Czech Environmental Inspectorate, Czech Commission for GMO.

2010-07-27 Inspection by local branch of Ministry of Agriculture at one of the three Amflora cultivation areas.

2010-08-05 Notifying the Ministry of Agriculture of heavy rain fall in one Amflora cultivation area causing local floods leading to soil erosion in some sectors of Amflora fields.

2010-08-12 Confirmation by Ministry of Agriculture that actions taken after water erosion are in agreement with the Ministry.

2010-09-02 Inspection by local branch of Ministry of Agriculture at one of the three Amflora cultivation areas.

2010-09-03 Inspection by local branch of Ministry of Agriculture at one of the three Amflora cultivation areas.

2010-09-27 Confirmation from Ministry of Agriculture that harvest of Amflora from one field can be initiated and that the harvested starch potatoes can be used for starch production. Supervision of farmers by the Ministry.

2010-10-13 Confirmation from Ministry of Agriculture that harvest of all Amflora fields in the Czech Republic can be initiated and that the harvested starch potatoes can be used for starch production. The Czech Environmental Inspectorate checked the transport of the material to the starch factory.

All inspections confirmed compliance with consent conditions. Comments by authorities indicate that there were no findings pointing to any adverse effects of Amflora cultivation.

The Ministries of Environment and Agriculture were informed prior to commercial starch production by sending a letter mentioning the source of material that will be used for starch production. The receipt of information has been confirmed by the Ministry of Agriculture stating that no other authorisation for production of starch would be required.
Germany

2010-04-14 2010 conditions for Amflora cultivation in Germany determined by regional authority (Landesamt für Landwirtschaft, Lebensmittelsicherheit und Fischerei MV).

2010-04-20 Inspection by regional authority during planting: site, distances, information requirements and IP system checked.

2010-05-10 Inspection by regional authority after planting.

2010-06-24 Inspection by regional authority after planting: around 10% of plants with mosaic virus detected, weak damages by frost and plant protection treatment.

2010-07-07 1 ha of field destroyed by activists.

2010-07-08 Inspection by regional authority: control after partial field destruction; control of selection process and check of plant protection treatments.

2010-09-20 Inspection by regional authority to discuss harvest procedure.

2010-09-29 Inspection by regional authority: taking of samples prior to harvest.

2010-10-01 Inspection by regional authority: control at harvest; requirements for transport and storage determined.

2010-10-02 Inspection by regional authority: check of harvest procedure.

2010-10-04 Inspection by regional authority: check of harvest procedure and sampling, check of labelling of sample bags and containers, control during cleaning of potato harvester, requirements for soil treatment after harvest determined.

2010-10-26 Inspection by regional authority: check of soil treatment and drilling for following crop.

All inspections confirmed compliance with consent conditions. Comments by authorities indicate that there were no findings pointing to any adverse effects of Amflora cultivation.

Sweden

2010-07-12 Control of commercial Amflora cultivation in Västra Götaland County by the Swedish Board of Agriculture.

2010-07-21 Field Inspection of commercial Amflora production fields in Västra Götaland County by the Seed Certification Unit, Swedish Board of Agriculture.

2010-08-01 Field Inspection of commercial Amflora production fields in Norrbotten and Boden County by the Seed Certification Unit, Swedish Board of Agriculture.

2010-08-03 Field Inspection of commercial Amflora production fields in Västra Götaland County by the Seed Certification Unit, Swedish Board of Agriculture.

2010-08-04 Field Inspection of commercial Amflora production fields in Norrbotten County by the Seed Certification Unit, Swedish Board of Agriculture.

2010-08-05 Field Inspection of commercial Amflora production fields in Boden County by the Seed Certification Unit, Swedish Board of Agriculture.
2010-08-06  Control of commercial Amflora cultivation in Norrbotten and Boden County by the Swedish Board of Agriculture.

2010-08-24  Field Inspection of commercial Amflora production fields in Norrbotten and Boden County by the Seed Certification Unit, Swedish Board of Agriculture.

2010-08-25  Field Inspection of commercial Amflora production fields in Norrbotten County by the Seed Certification Unit, Swedish Board of Agriculture.

2010-10-12  Control of the storage facilities in Norrbotten County, documentation and labelling of the Amflora harvest material by the Swedish Board of Agriculture.

2010-10-13  Control of the storage facilities, documentation and labelling of the Amflora harvest material in Norrbotten and Boden County by the Swedish Board of Agriculture.

2010-10-15  Control of the storage facilities in Umeå County, documentation and labelling of the Amflora harvest material by the Swedish Board of Agriculture.

All inspections confirmed compliance with consent conditions. Comments by authorities indicate that there were no findings pointing to any adverse effects of Amflora cultivation.