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Institute of Genetics and Cytology  
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On the utilization  
of genetic resources

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus (hereinafter referred to as “MinPrirody”) has considered a letter of the State Scientific Institution “Institute of Genetics and Cytology of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus” and sees no objection to conducting research and/or developments on the genetic and/or biochemical composition of the wild-growing common bilberry (*Vaccinium myrtillus*) by the company “SEPPIC” (France) obtained from the Republic of Belarus in 2015, including by use of biotechnology.

We draw your attention to the fact that in order to comply with the provisions of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity the Republic of Belarus acceded to by the Decree of the President of the Republic of Belarus of May 22, 2014 No. 235 and obtain a permit for the transfer of genetic resources, you should provide detailed information on the genetic resource and the type of its utilization (commercial and/or non-commercial).

Deputy Minister

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