

Mandate of the UGM working group

1. *Undertake a review of the currently used detection methods in relation to their ability to detect UGM, and their reliability in relation to discrimination of UGM from other GM.*
2. *Identify any gaps and emerging needs to ensure that the ENGL members can either detect and identify UGM or at least have reliable evidences of the presence of such GMOs.*
3. *Develop guidance on a harmonised approach for detection, and on interpreting and reporting the results of application of detection strategies for UGM. Reporting could e.g. include updating a database. Guidance may also have to consider rational resource use in relation to the diversity of GM materials that may be found in different products.*

NOTE: The issue of UGMs in relation to possible bioterrorism will have to rest outside the mandate of the WG until more research and data on the relevance and possible means to cope with the problem is available (e.g. from the Co-Extra project).