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Potential Biosecurity Issues on Agribusiness

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Often neglected and forgotten biosecurity in Agribusiness sector

- **Covid pandemic escalates biosecurity at the highest level**
- **Biosecurity issues in agribusiness is lack of attention**
- **BWC and State Parties take action to address this issue**
- **Civil Society play an important role in closing the gap**



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Biosecurity risks posing threat to the Agribusiness in 21st century

- **Biosecurity risks to animals**
 - Bovine spongiform encephalopathy
 - Bluetongue virus
 - Avian flu
- **Biosecurity risks to plants/environment**
 - Black stem rust (*Puccinia graminis* f.sp *tritici*)
 - Climate change and crop failure
 - Genetic editing of plant
- **Biosecurity risks to the food supply chain**



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Urgent need for biosecurity education within agribusiness sector

- **Biosecurity education gaps**
 - Survey on 199 university courses relating to agribusiness across the European countries
 - only 4% contain biosecurity elements
 - 0% address agroterrorism, agrocrime or bioweapons
 - 0% include Economical, Physical, Psychological and Political implications



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- **Horizon European call**

“Prevention, detection, response and mitigation of chemical, biological and radiological threats to agricultural production, feed and food processing, distribution and consumption”, reference number: HORIZON-CL3-2024-DRS-01-01



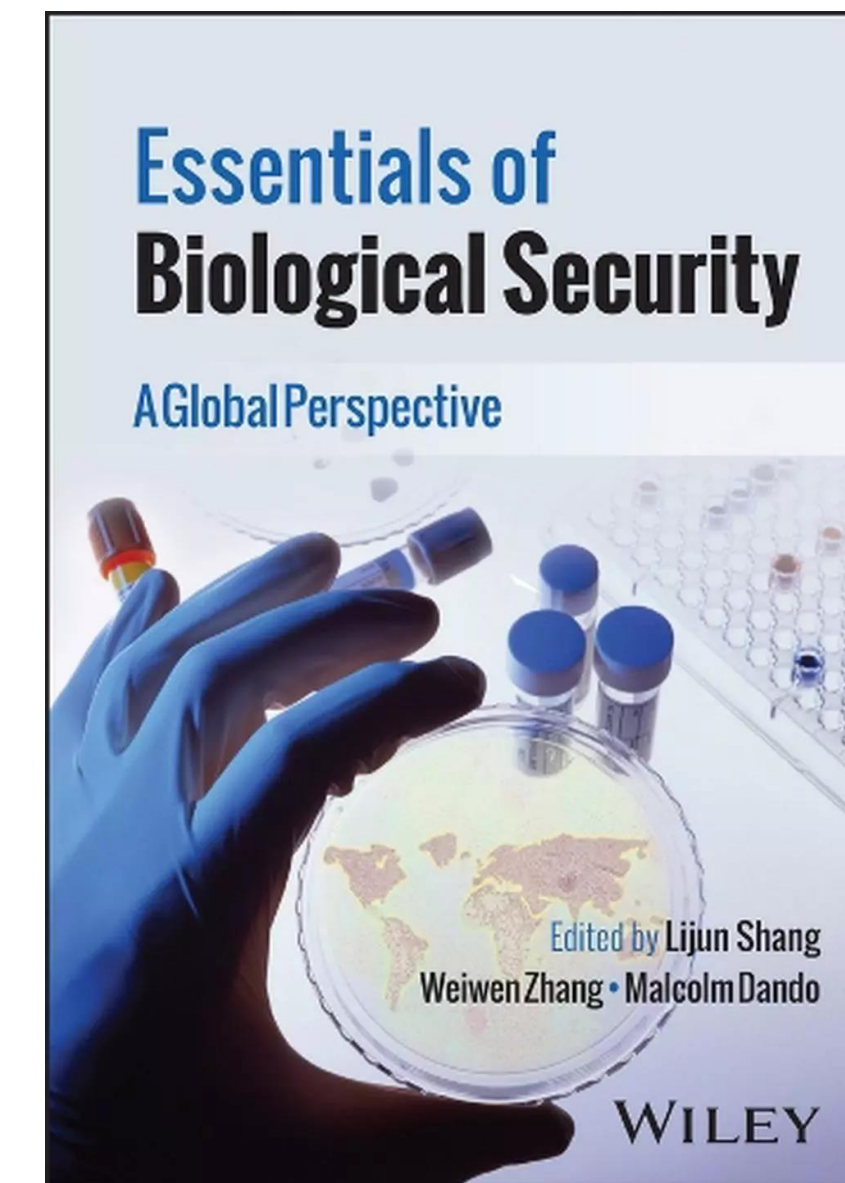
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International Biological Security Education Network (IBSEN)

- IAEA/INSEN & OPCW/ABEO
- <https://ibsen.org.uk/>
- First biosecurity resource book
- Essentials of Biological Security:
A Global Perspective



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