

## Correspondence Standard Words

### Standard words – New breeding techniques

#### *Issue:*

Claims that Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) and the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR) are planning to deregulate certain new breeding techniques.

#### *Response:*

The Australian Government is committed to keeping Australia's food supply safe, and protecting people and the environment from risks posed by genetically modified organisms (GMOs).

In Australia, dealings with GMOs are regulated under the *Gene Technology Act 2000* (administered by the OGTR).

The OGTR is currently conducting a technical review of the Gene Technology Regulations 2001 to ensure the level of regulation of activities with GMOs remains commensurate with risk according to current science. The review aims to improve clarity regarding regulatory capture of new technologies. Broad consultation with the public, states and territories, regulated stakeholders, industry and scientific experts will be undertaken before any amendment proposals are finalised.

The sale of food produced using gene technology is regulated by state and territory food laws that apply the provisions of the *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code* (the Code, administered by FSANZ) under Standard 1.5.2. FSANZ is not proposing to change the legal framework for GM foods. Any proposed changes to the Code would be considered through a public process, and include public consultation.

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