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Biotechnology Regulatory Services

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Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) helps American agriculture stay at the forefront of science and innovation. From row crops that better tolerate environmental stresses to vegetable and oil crops that produce healthier foods, people develop new products every day using genetic engineering. We work alongside other Federal agencies to make sure these products are safe for U.S. agriculture and the environment.

About Us

Register Today

The BRS Annual Stakeholder Meeting will be on Thursday, November 19, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time.



Priorities

Permits and Notifications

We regulate the importation, interstate movement, or environmental release of certain organisms developed using genetic engineering that may pose a plant pest risk. Learn more about permitting requirements and our regulatory process.

Visit Biotechnology Permits and Notifications



Petitions

Developers may petition the agency that a particular regulated article is unlikely to pose a plant pest risk, and, therefore, should no longer be regulated under 7 CFR 340 (2019).

Visit Biotechnology Petitions



Am I Regulated?

Developers may submit an Am I Regulated inquiry to learn whether their modified organism is regulated under 7 CFR 340 (2019) before applying for an authorization (permit or notification).

Visit Am I Regulated?



Compliance and Inspections

We have a comprehensive system to help ensure that biotechnology organizations



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Trending Topics

Court Vacatur of 2020 Biotechnology Regulations

Learn more about the Court Vacatur of 2020 Biotechnology Regulations

Commenting Opportunities: Biotechnology

We value your participation in our regulatory decision-making processes. View notices open for public comment.

Biotechnology Regulations

We implement APHIS’ biotechnology regulations 7 CFR part 340 under the authority of the Plant Protection Act. Learn more about our regulations.

Guidance and Resources

Find guidance and resources that will help you navigate APHIS’ regulatory process.

Biotechnology Meetings

We hold meetings to engage with our stakeholders on current activities and regulatory decisions. Learn about our upcoming and past meetings.

BRS Pre-Application Questionnaire (APHIS eFile)

Apply for your biotechnology authorization online and get support.

Latest Updates

11/10/26

USDA Seeks Public Comment on Petition To Deregulate MF 1786-1 Soybean Producing Mammalian Milk Proteins Developed Using Genetic Engineering
11/06/26
USDA Seeks Public Comment on Petition To Deregulate Insect-Resistant Corn Developed Using Genetic Engineering
10/13/26
USDA Deregulates African Marigold Engineered To Produce Red Flowers
9/29/26
APHIS BRS Stakeholder Meeting—Register Today
9/18/26
USDA Seeks Public Comment on Petition To Deregulate Herbicide-Resistant Cotton Developed Using Genetic Engineering
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