Court Vacatur of 2020 Biotechnology Regulations

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On December 2, 2024, the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, vacated the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) final rule (7 CFR part 340) issued in May 2020 for organisms developed using genetic engineering. Regulatory Status Review responses, Confirmation Request responses, and active permits that USDA issued prior to December 2, 2024, remain valid. USDA restarted the biotechnology permitting and Am I Regulated processes on January 8, 2025, the notification process on February 7, 2025, and petition process on March 3, 2025.

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