Biotechnology Regulatory Services 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.
Priorities

Biotechnology Permits

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.

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Regulatory Status Reviews

Developers have the option of requesting a permit, a regulatory status review, or both of a plant developed using genetic engineering that has not been previously evaluated and determined to be nonregulated.

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Exemptions and Confirmations

Learn how developers can request a confirmation from APHIS that a modified plant qualifies for an exemption and is not subject to the regulations in 7 CFR part 340.

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Compliance and Inspections
We have a comprehensive system to help ensure that biotechnology organizations are maintaining compliance with APHIS’ biotechnology regulations.

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Trending Topics

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 Permitting Assistant (APHIS eFile)

Apply for your biotechnology permit online and get support.

Legacy Petitions

Learn more about the legacy petition process.

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