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The Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Act 2023 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2025

Made - - - - 13th May 2025

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 48(3), (4) and (6) of the Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Act 2023(**a**).

Citation and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Act 2023 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2025.

(2) These Regulations extend to England and Wales and Scotland.

Commencement of provisions of the Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Act 2023 in respect of precision bred plants

2.—(1) The provisions of the Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Act 2023 listed in the following paragraphs come into force on 13th November 2025 for all remaining purposes in so far as they relate to precision bred organisms which are precision bred plants(**b**).

(2) In Part 2 (precision bred organisms: release, marketing and risk assessment)—

(a) sections 3 to 9;

(b) section 16, except subsection (3)(c) and (d);

(c) section 17;

(d) section 18, except subsection (1)(f), (g) and (h);

(e) sections 19 to 21;

(f) section 22(1) and (2);

(g) sections 23 and 24.

(3) In Part 3 (food and feed produced from precision bred organisms), sections 26 to 30.

(4) In Part 4 (enforcement), sections 31 to 38.

(5) In Part 5 (general), sections 40 and 41.

(**a**) 2023 c. 6.

(**b**) See sections 1 and 2 of the Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Act 2023 for the meaning given to "precision bred organism" and "precision bred plant".

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Minister of State
13th May 2025 Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations bring into force provisions of the Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Act 2023 (c. 6) ("the Act"). The Act provides for the regulation of precision bred organisms released or marketed in England.

These Regulations bring into force specified provisions of the Act (to the extent that they were not already in force by virtue of section 48(2) to (5) of the Act), but in respect of precision bred organisms which are precision bred plants only (and therefore not in respect of precision bred organisms that are precision bred animals).

A full impact assessment has not been produced for these Regulations as no, or no significant, impact on the private or voluntary sector is foreseen. A full impact assessment has been published in relation to the Act and copies can be obtained from the website of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs at www.gov.uk/defra or from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs at 2 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 4DF.

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