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Dear Consultee

Consultation on the regulation of genetic technologies

1. I am writing to invite your views on our proposal for the regulation of organisms (other than humans) developed by genetic technologies such as gene editing (where changes to their genetic material could also have been produced by traditional breeding methods). At the same time, we are taking this opportunity to start gathering evidence from you on if/how we might reform the legislation controlling the use of genetically modified organisms.

2. The following documents may be found on Citizen Space (Citizen Space is an on-line consultation tool) at <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/agri-food-chain-directorate/the-regulation-of-genetic-technologies/>

- Consultation document: The regulation of genetic technologies; A public consultation on the regulation of genetic technologies.

3. We welcome your views and comments on the proposal. If you wish to obtain a copy of this consultation document please contact consultationreply@defra.gov.uk or the Consultation Coordinator at the address below.

Responses

4. To submit your consultation response please complete the consultation questionnaire provided through Citizen Space at <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/agri-food-chain-directorate/the-regulation-of-genetic-technologies/>

Alternatively, you can email your response to consultationreply@defra.gov.uk or submit by post to:

Consultation Coordinator



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5. Responses must be received by **17 March 2021 at 23:59**.

6. For details about confidentiality and data protection, please refer to the Privacy Notice available in the consultation document and on Citizen Space here:

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/agri-food-chain-directorate/the-regulation-of-genetic-technologies/>

7. This consultation is being conducted in line with the Cabinet Office “Consultation Principles” here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/consultation-principles-guidance>.

8. If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to:

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Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any queries, please contact us as above.

Yours faithfully

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