

GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOOD LABELING LAWS



GE-free

Official ban on genetically engineered (GE) food imports and cultivation.

Mandatory GE Food Labeling Laws

Mandatory labeling of nearly all GE foods and a labeling threshold of 0.9-1% GE content. Threshold refers to content per ingredient in each food item.

Mandatory labeling of many GE foods and a labeling threshold higher than 1% or undefined. This includes laws with a threshold of 1% for the entire food item.

Mandatory labeling of some GE foods, but with numerous exceptions and no labeling threshold defined; or a vague mandatory GE food labeling law that lacks implementation and enforcement provisions.

Enacted mandatory GE food labeling regulation coming into force at a later date.

No GE Food Labeling Law

Definitions

Genetically engineered (GE) foods, sometimes referred to as genetically modified (GM) foods, are created by artificially inserting genetic material from one or more organisms into the genetic code of another using modern genetic engineering techniques.

Labeling threshold is the percentage of GE content in a food item above which the product must be labeled.



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