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# 7 U.S. Code § 1639b

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## Establishment of national bioengineered food disclosure standard

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### **(a) Establishment of mandatory standard**

Not later than 2 years after July 29, 2016, the Secretary shall—

- (1) establish a national mandatory bioengineered food disclosure standard with respect to any bioengineered food and any food that may be bioengineered; and
- (2) establish such requirements and procedures as the Secretary determines necessary to carry out the standard.

### **(b) Regulations**

#### **(1) In general**

A food may bear a disclosure that the food is bioengineered only in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Secretary in accordance with this subchapter.

#### **(2) Requirements**

A regulation promulgated by the Secretary in carrying out this subchapter shall—

- (A) prohibit a food derived from an animal to be considered a bioengineered food solely because the animal consumed feed produced from, containing, or consisting of a bioengineered substance;
- (B) determine the amounts of a bioengineered substance that may be present in food, as appropriate, in order for the food to be a bioengineered food;
- (C) establish a process for requesting and granting a determination by the Secretary regarding other factors and conditions under which a food is considered a bioengineered food;
- (D) in accordance with subsection (d), require that the form of a food disclosure under this section be a text, symbol, or electronic or digital link, but excluding Internet website Uniform Resource Locators not embedded in the link, with the disclosure option to be selected by the food manufacturer;
- (E) provide alternative reasonable disclosure options for food contained in small or very small packages;
- (F) in the case of small food manufacturers, provide—
  - (i) an implementation date that is not earlier than 1 year after the implementation date for regulations promulgated in accordance with this section; and
  - (ii) on-package disclosure options, in addition to those available under subparagraph (D), to be selected by the small food manufacturer, that consist of—
    - (I) a telephone number accompanied by appropriate language to indicate that the phone number provides access to additional information; and
    - (II) an Internet website maintained by the small food manufacturer in a manner consistent with subsection (d), as appropriate; and
- (G) exclude—

- (i) food served in a restaurant or similar retail food establishment; and
- (ii) very small food manufacturers.

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