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USDA publishes interim draft rule for hemp production

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The interim final rule^[1] is part of a national regulatory framework mandated by the 2018 Farm Bill.^[2] The framework rolls back decades of policy that categorized hemp as a controlled substance. Several other nations, most notably China, came to dominate the market for hemp, while the U.S. wrestled with the science surrounding the difference between hemp and cannabis.

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