



Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Act 2023

2023 CHAPTER 6

PART 2

PRECISION BRED ORGANISMS: RELEASE, MARKETING AND RISK ASSESSMENTS

Risk assessments

- 17 Restrictions on importation and acquisition of precision bred organisms in England**
- (1) Regulations may make provision for requiring a person to carry out an environmental risk assessment before—
 - (a) importing a precision bred organism where its destination is in England;
 - (b) acquiring a precision bred organism which is in England.
 - (2) In subsection (1), an “environmental risk assessment” means an assessment of the risks of damage to the environment being caused as result of the person importing or acquiring the organism.
 - (3) Regulations under subsection (1) may, in particular, make provision—
 - (a) prescribing how risk assessments are to be carried out;
 - (b) prescribing matters which must be taken into account, investigated or assessed by persons carrying out risk assessments;
 - (c) requiring risk assessments to be kept under review;
 - (d) requiring records to be kept of risk assessments and for those records to be provided to the Secretary of State.
 - (4) Provision that may be made by virtue of subsection (3) includes provision requiring persons carrying out risk assessments to obtain advice from prescribed persons.
 - (5) For the purposes of this section—

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- (a) “acquire”, in relation to precision bred organisms, includes any method by which such organisms may come to be in a person’s possession, other than by their being imported;
 - (b) “damage to the environment” is caused by the presence in the environment of a precision bred organism which is no longer under anyone’s control (see section 3(2)) and is capable of causing adverse effects as regards the health of humans or the environment.
- (6) Regulations under this section are subject to the negative procedure.

Commencement Information

- II** S. 17 in force at Royal Assent for specified purposes, see [s. 48\(3\)\(a\)](#)

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