
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**Genetically Modified Organisms
(Deliberate Release) Regulations 2002**

PART IV

DUTIES AFTER THE MAKING OF APPLICATIONS

Genetically modified organisms containing antibiotic resistance markers

27.—(1) The Secretary of State shall not grant a consent to an application for the release or marketing of genetically modified organisms containing antibiotic resistance markers which may have adverse effects on human health and the environment after—

- (i) 31 December 2004 in the case of marketing, and
- (ii) 31 December 2008 in the case of release.

(2) Where prior to 31 December 2004 in the case of marketing and 31 December 2008 in the case of release, an application is made for consent to release or market genetically modified organisms containing antibiotic resistance markers, the Secretary of State shall evaluate the information in the environmental risk assessment accompanying the application, taking into particular consideration those antibiotic resistance markers in use for medical or veterinary treatment, with a view to identifying and phasing out the release or marketing of the genetically modified organisms referred to in paragraph (1) within the time limits specified in that paragraph.