

European agri-food coalition welcomes adoption of NGT Regulation

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A coalition of 30 European agri-food value chain organisations welcomes the adoption of the Regulation on plants obtained through New Genomic Techniques (NGTs). This achievement, the result of years of scientific work, political deliberation, and intensive negotiations between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union, and the European Commission, marks a significant milestone for European agriculture, food systems and innovation. The coalition expresses its sincere appreciation to all institutions, as well as to the Members of the European Parliament, Member State representatives, Commission officials, and all stakeholders who have contributed to shaping this complex and forward-looking file.

The new framework provides a balanced and science-based approach that enables innovation in plant breeding while ensuring transparency, safety, and legal clarity across the agri-food value chain. It creates the conditions for the development of improved crop varieties that can contribute to addressing some of the most pressing challenges facing European agriculture today, including climate change, increasing weed, pest and disease pressure, resource efficiency, and long-term food security.

By enabling the responsible use of NGTs, the Regulation supports a more resilient and sustainable agricultural sector and helps ensure that European farmers and breeders can access innovative tools which are already being adopted in many parts of the world.

The coalition extends its gratitude to all those who have worked tirelessly on this file over 8 years, often under complex and challenging circumstances. Their dedication has been instrumental in reaching this important milestone.

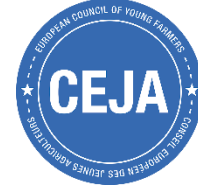
With this decision, the European Union takes a significant step forward in enabling innovation in plant breeding and reinforcing its ambition for a sustainable, competitive, and resilient agri-food sector.

The coalition looks forward to the timely implementation of the Regulation and remains committed to supporting its effective rollout across Europe.

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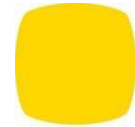
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