



Valuable New Resource

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New Web Site Provides Information on Biotechnology Regulatory Reviews Completed in the United States

A new web site provides a portal to a new database that compiles information from all the U.S. government agencies responsible for regulating genetically engineered crop plants. Through links on the web site users from around the world will have access to information about the U.S. oversight system for products of modern biotechnology, including the roles of the U.S. regulatory agencies; the laws, regulations, and procedures applicable to these products; and information the regulatory agencies have produced in reviewing each product.

The centerpiece of this web site is a searchable database of genetically engineered crop plants in-

tended for food or feed that have completed all recommended or required reviews for food, feed, or planting use in the United States. In an effort to increase the transparency of biotechnology regulatory information, the various U.S. agencies responsible for regulating products developed through biotechnology worked together to create this web site and database. The participating agencies include the Department of State, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Food and Drug Administration, and the U.S. Geological Survey.

The database should facilitate sharing of information with the public about products of agricultural biotechnology. The public can access the web site and database at the following address: <http://usbiotechreg.nbi.gov>.