

**US Comments on  
Draft Amendments to the Proposals for the  
Technical Review of the Gene Technology Regulations 2001**

**BEGIN U.S. COMMENTS:**

The United States appreciates the opportunity to comment on the “Draft Amendments to the Proposals for the Technical Review of the Gene Technology Regulations 2001,” notified to stakeholders on November 30, 2017. The United States offers the following comments for your consideration.

The United States does not have any comments on Australia’s proposed amendments, but will note that the draft technical review has recommended that organisms modified using template-guided gene editing techniques such as SDN-2 and ODM would be regulated as GMOs. In many cases these products don’t pose more of a risk to the environment or to human health than conventionally-bred products. The United States requests the government of Australia consider this before deciding to regulate all such products.

Australia is an important market for the United States. We appreciate your consideration of these comments and look forward to your response.

**END U.S. COMMENTS**

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