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International Flower Developments granted licence for commercial import and distribution of GM chrysanthemum

The Gene Technology Regulator has issued licence DIR 191 to International Flower Developments Pty Ltd, authorising commercial import and distribution of chrysanthemums genetically modified (GM) for altered flower colour.

The GM chrysanthemum cut flowers are authorised to be sold throughout Australia. The GM chrysanthemums will not be grown in Australia or used in commercial human food or animal feed.

The licence decision was informed by a Risk Assessment and Risk Management Plan (RARMP) undertaken by the OGTR with input from stakeholders nationwide. This included consultation with the public, state and territory governments, local councils, Australian Government agencies, the Minister for the Environment, and the Gene Technology Technical Advisory Committee. The Regulator thanks submitters for their contributions.

Submissions are summarised in Appendices B and C of the RARMP, together with information about how any issues raised relating to risks to human health and safety, and the environment were considered.

The RARMP concludes that this commercial release poses negligible risk to people and the environment.

General licence conditions have been imposed to ensure ongoing oversight of the release.

The finalised RARMP, a summary of the RARMP, the licence, and Questions & Answers can be found on the [DIR 191](#) page of the OGTR website. You can also request them via the contacts detailed below.

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