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## Determination to include dealings with genetically modified canola on the GMO Register – Register-003

The Gene Technology Regulator (the Regulator) has made a determination to include dealings with genetically modified (GM) canola on the GMO Register. The determination to include the dealings with the GM canola on the GMO Register comes into effect on 20 August 2024. When the determination comes into effect, it will not be necessary for people conducting the dealings to hold or be covered by a GMO licence.

This will enable commercial scale cultivation, import, retail/wholesale trade of the GM canola, and use of the GM canola in product manufacture and animal feed. The dealings have been authorised under the licence for [DIR 020/2002](#) since 2003. The GM canola - MON-00073-7 canola, also known as Roundup Ready® canola, GT73 (RT73) canola and oilseed rape GT73, has been modified to tolerate the herbicide glyphosate, by introduction of two genes sourced from common soil bacteria. The GM canola has a history of safe use in Australia since 2008 and for over two decades in other countries. Information about Register-003 and other dealings on the GMO Register may be found on the [GMO Register page](#) of the OGTR. More general information about the GMO Register can be found in the [GMO Register](#) page on the OGTR website.

For dealings to be included on the GMO Register, the Regulator must be satisfied that any risks posed by the dealings are minimal and that the dealings are safe enough to be undertaken by anyone without the need for a licence.

A consultation version of a Risk Assessment and Risk Management Plan (RARMP) was prepared and was open for comment from the public, from Federal, State and Local governments and agencies, and from other experts. A final RARMP was prepared including consideration of all relevant submissions received during the consultation period. It concluded that the risks posed by the GM canola were minimal and that it is not necessary for persons conducting the dealings to hold, or be covered by, a GM licence. This RARMP was used to inform the Regulator's decision on this application.

The final RARMP for Register-003, a copy of the determination and a Questions and Answers document can be found on the [OGTR website](#) under News.

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