

National Bioengineered Food Disclosure Standard

Questionnaire Responses

1: Non GMO / GMO should be maintained. "Bioengineered" is not a transparent statement that is easily understood by the general public who already feel there was inadequate information provide on this technology many years ago. In addition, compliance with global labeling descriptions will be necessary for marketing with GM non GM being widely recognized

2: Full transparency is needed on how a plant species is developed no matter how it is bred. Developing new terms and abbreviations will be a negative step in educating the consumer base.

3: Individual plants identified with increased productivity of seed or fiber arising from selection pressure occurring in the environment, whether natural or man-made selection pressure should be regarded as modifications found in nature.

4: Yes, consumers do not need after the fact disclosures.

5: Terminology does not need to be introduced that creates a situation where 2 terms describe the same thing. This "Bioengineered" term is not helpful for transparency in any segment of the industry including within the Federal Government.

6: All ingredients and the nature of these ingredients should be disclosed regardless of predominance.

7: Food produced indirectly from the consumption of GM plants, either fully or partially, should be classified as such.

8: List actual content, consumer can make up their mind on purchasing it or not. Creating different levels of presence will cause food manufactures to distort the level of different ingredients in products to meet specifications. Too much liability involved here.

9: All eventualities should be catered for in the menu of disclosures.

10: Any food that has an ingredient that was produced from a genetically modified plant should be disclosed. There would be too much liability and burden on a food company to have to be making a call like this.

11: No.

12: Standard text disclosure would be preferable as long it is transparent as outlined above.

13: Non GM in a circle or GM in a circle depending on the particular food.

14: This should not be acceptable, not all consumers can access this at point of purchase.

15:N/A

16: Same symbols as in 13 above should be clearly displayed for customers to see.

17: Mirror EPA

18: Labeling needs to be across the board regardless of package size or units

19: Mirror FDA

20: No Comment

21: No Comment. It is a consumer's choice to select a restaurant to visit. If they wish to determine what they are eating and its source they need to inquire from the server or management. There should be legislation in place so that restaurants or any public/private business offering food for sale are obliged to provide clear, current and concise information upon request.

22: All companies should be obliged to provide the information to consumers

23: N/A

24:N/A

25: N/A

26: Same as any Food Safety Records in place today.

27: Spot checks like any public food inspector completes today.

28:No opinion

29: No opinion

30: Imports need to meet domestic labeling standards.