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### **Response of the Coalition for Safe Affordable Food to USDA Questions on The National Bioengineered Food Disclosure Standard**

"Members of the Coalition for Safe Affordable Food have united around our core principles in developing recommendations to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) as it develops regulations to implement the National Bioengineered Food Disclosure Law. In response to a series of questions posed by AMS, the Coalition achieved a strong consensus on a broad range of topics critical to the successful implementation of the law."

"The Coalition believes that its responses to questions posed by AMS also fulfill the multiple goals of the law, including fostering consumers' access to information about the food they eat; providing consumers with continued access to an abundant, safe, affordable and sustainable food supply; ensuring that farmers and ranchers have access to the technologies that provide numerous environmental and sustainability benefits while they feed a growing world population; providing food manufacturers with certainty in the supply chain; adhering to Congress' intention that USDA implement a disclosure standard for marketing purposes, and not based on health, safety, or nutrition; and respecting the strong scientific consensus on the safety of bioengineered food."

"As the process moves forward, the Coalition will continue to engage as appropriate to reiterate support for these goals and provide input and comments as requested."