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#### **Report Highlights:**

As of July 2016, Israel does not have a policy that restricts the use of imported genetically engineered (GE) commodities or derivative products. The existing regulation does not permit local commercial production of GE crops in Israel but allows for their development for research purposes, which is not inconsequential. Israeli regulations also allow GE products to be imported, sold and used for the production of food and pharmaceuticals in Israel. In October 2013, the Israeli Ministry of Health (MOH) announced new draft regulations that, once approved, will codify Israeli policy on GE organisms.

#### **General Information:**

#### Section I - Executive Summary:

As of July 2016, Israel did not have a policy restricting the use of imported GE commodities or derivative products. The existing regulation does not permit local commercial production of GE crops in Israel for human consumption but does allow for their use for research purposes only. Israeli regulations also allow GE commodities and products to be imported, sold and used for the production of food and pharmaceuticals in Israel. Israel's religious Kashrut authority has determined that the use of GE ingredients in food does not affect its kosher status as these ingredients are used in "microscopic" proportions.

Currently, the volume of biotech imports to Israel is not quantified as such and domestic experimental use is limited. Different countries ship grains and oilseeds to Israel and for commodities like corn and soybeans, a sizable percentage is likely from biotech varieties. The only GE crop that is permitted to be grown commercially in Israel is tobacco, which is engineered with five human genes and used by the cosmetic and pharmaceutical industry. All other GE crops that are grown in Israel are for R&D purposes only and not grown commercially. No GE animals are produced in or known to be imported.

In October 2013, new draft regulations announced by the Israeli Ministry of Health (MOH), called "Public Health Regulations Food – Novel Foods 5773 – 2013" was notified to the WTO as G/TBT/N/ISR/710. Under the proposed regulation, *novel foods* are defined as products that:

- Contain a new primary structure at the molecular level or which has been modified in its primary structure at the molecular level and is not yet proven safe for human consumption in Israel.
- Contain a GMO or part of one.
- Contain plants, animals, microorganisms, fungi or algae or extracted from and does not contain enzymes that are not proven safe for human consumption in Israel.
- Were manufactured in a new process, except for cleaning and disinfecting, and that the process created a change in the formulation of the food or in its ingredients that made a change in its nutritional values, the body metabolism or the level of unwanted ingredients in the food.
- Are not food additives that were previously approved in the food additive regulation.
- Are not food ingredients that were previously approved in the food ingredient regulation.
- Are not a material production aid or a food flavor.

Under the proposed regulation, novel foods must be registered and go through a risk assessment process before being approved. The link for registration can be found <u>online</u>. If approved, the product must then be registered in order to be manufactured, imported, stored, or sold. Approved and registered novel foods will

be on an official list. Additionally, the approved GE products will have to be labeled as "genetically modified" or, if sold in bulk, signage will have to note the same. Products exempt from labelling are those for which the GE products:

- Do not contain DNA and protein, or
- For which less than 0.9 percent of the product is comprised of ingredients derived from a GE organism.

While Israeli scientists usually are supportive of biotechnology, environmental activists have expressed concerns regarding its use. The local media rarely discusses genetic engineering. Most Israelis do not have an opinion regarding their use; therefore, there are no known problems with marketing GE crops in Israel today.

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#### Section II: Biotechnology

#### Chapter 1: Plant Biotechnology

#### PART A: PRODUCTION AND TRADE

- A. **Product Development:** Israel is considered an international center for genetic engineering and research, focusing on improving plant resistance to pests, disease, herbicides, salinity and drought. Research is conducted by Israeli universities, governmental institutes and the private sector. Genetic engineering is permitted today in Israel for research and development (R&D) purposes and it is subject to conditions established by law. Israeli seed regulation from 2005 stipulates the requirements for conducting research in Israel with GE propagation material. All trials have to be approved by a committee of 13 members called the National Committee for Transgenic Plants (NCTP) chaired by the chief scientist of the Ministry of Agriculture. The stages and advances made in research of GE are kept as a company secret until registered. In registration, applicants are required to reveal product details to the NCTP.
- B. **Commercial production:** Currently, commercial production of GE crops, including the use of GE seeds, requires a license from the Plant Protection Services. The only crop currently approved is a GE tobacco plant, deemed innocuous as it is not in the food chain. However, this policy is expected to change within the coming years. There is pressure on the Ministry of Agriculture and its Plant Protection Service from private sector interests working with GE crops.
- C. **Exports:** As the Israeli industry uses imported raw materials that include GE components, it is likely that some fraction of Israeli food products exported to the US, or to other countries, contains some biotech content. This is especially likely among those products that rely on imported grain, oilseeds or cotton as inputs. In these cases, Israeli exporters must follow the importing country's regulations regarding GE labeling. If a product includes a GE component and is shipped to a destination that requires specific labeling, the producers will mark it accordingly.
- D. Imports: All of the soybeans and corn used in Israel are imported. In 2015, 404 TMT of soybeans and 1,528 TMT of corn were imported into Israel, out of which 48,000 MT and 64,000 MT, respectively, came from the US. There are no records regarding the percentage of GE varieties amongst these imports.
- E. Food Aid: Israel is not a food aid recipient and will not be in the future.
- F. **Trade Barriers:** Currently, there are no trade barriers regarding GE products. If the proposed novel food regulation is approved, imported GE food products would face labeling requirements, which could potentially block them from the market. The responsibility for labeling will fall to the local importers and distributers.

#### **PART B: POLICY**

A. **Regulatory framework:** Currently, responsibility for GE research, development, use and approval is shared primarily by the Ministry of Health (MOH) and by the Ministry of Agriculture (MOAG). The Ministry of Agriculture's Plant Protection and Inspection Services (PPIS) is the competent authority in Israel for the enforcement of the Plant Protection Law of 1956, which is the existing legal framework for GE plants. The 2005 "Seed Regulation for Plants and Other GE Organisms" provides specific regulation regarding research activity, sales, export and import of GE materials.

The MOAG is responsible for all trials of engineered plants, as well as those organisms that are directly related to GE plants. These could include pathogens, pollinators, natural enemies, etc. The MOAG is also responsible for handling, commercializing, importing, and exporting GE propagation material.

Within the legal and regulatory framework mentioned above, three bodies have specific roles. First, the National Committee for Transgenic Plants (NCTP) is an inter–ministerial committee, composed of 13 members. Two members are from MOAG (the chairperson and his deputy), one member from the Ministry of Environment, one member from MOH, one member from the Ministry of Science, and eight members from academia and the private sector. This committee exists to formulate guidelines for conducting GE trials, publish procedures and application forms for researchers, and serve as an advisor to government and academia on GE issues. An example application produced by the NCTP can be found in the appendices. Second, field inspection teams from the PPIS enforce NCTP guidance and regulations related to the handling of GE materials. Third, the laboratory for molecular methods and GMOs manages identification of GE seeds, vegetative propagation materials, and processed foods. This laboratory uses a "ring test" to determine the presence of GMOs in a consignment for import or export. This laboratory is managed by FAPAS England.

#### Future Regulation

In October 2013 the Israeli Food Control Services (FCS), which is a part of MOH, notified the WTO of draft regulation on *novel foods*. The proposed regulation is still pending. The draft regulation entitled "Public Health Regulations Food – Novel Foods 5773 – 2013" includes the following key provisions:

- Registration of novel foods through a risk assessment process.
- Prohibition on processing, importing, storing or selling unregistered novel foods.
- The creation of an official novel food list, which is updated periodically.
- Labeling instruction for food items containing GE ingredients.

Novel food definition: Under the draft regulation, the scope of the definition "novel food" is limited

to food or food ingredients that meet the following requirements:

- Contains a new primary structure at the molecular level or which has been modified in its primary structure at the molecular level and is not yet proven safe for human consumption in Israel.
- Contains a GMO or part of one.
- Contains plants, animals, microorganisms, fungi or algae or extracted from one of these and does not contain enzymes that are not proven safe for human consumption in Israel.
- Was manufactured in a new process, except for cleaning and disinfecting, and that the process created a change in the formulation of the food or in its ingredients that made a change in its nutritional values, the body metabolism or the level of unwanted ingredients in the food.
- Is not a food additive that was previously approved in the food additive regulation.
- Is not a food ingredient that was previously approved in the food ingredient regulation.
- Is not a material production aids or a food flavor.

According to the draft regulations, manufacturers and importers are required to submit an application for registration to the Novel Food Committee of the Food Control Service, for any novel food which is not already on the approved list of novel foods. New-to-market products must undergo a risk assessment prior to approval. Once a product is approved, it will be registered and added to the official list of approved products. The link for registration can be found <u>online</u>. Only by following these steps can the product be commercialized.

For importation of food items that include a GE ingredient already approved and on the novel food list, the importer will have to apply for an import permit. The importer must attach to the application a declaration from the supplier or manufacturer that the food item in question is GE, as well as the name or variety of the GE organism as listed in the list of approved novel foods.

The flow chart for the process of registration of a new novel food is as follows:



The international associations approved by the head of food inspection services for risk assessments currently include:

• The European Community - EFSA

- US FDA and USDA-FSIS
- Canada Health Canada
- Australia and New Zealand ANZFA Australia and New Zealand Food Authority and FSANZ Food Standards Australia New Zealand
- Japan Department of Food Safety Ministry of Health
- Specialist Committees of the CODEX ALIMENTARIUS (including FAO and WHO)

The timeline for approval of novel foods varies according to the risk assessments that have been done. If the food has two or more approvals from the certifiers listed above, the application may be done in as little as six months. If the product is new-to-market, approval could take up to 12 months. All novel foods are required to undergo the same process, regardless of their final use.

- B. **Approvals:** A list of approved novel foods, including GE events added by the MOH, can be found in Appendix II.
- C. **Stacked Event Approvals**: If a plant is genetically engineered for more than one trait, each trait must be approved separately. After approval, each trait will then be listed separately on the approved list.
- D. **Field Testing**: Field experiments of plants produced through biotechnology began in Israel about 20 years ago. All of the experiments have to be authorized by the NCTP, based on a complete, detailed application and consultation with experts. The experiments are under the regulatory supervision of the PPIS.

The following outlines the firms and organizations that have a valid authorization by the NCTP for experiments and trials using GE crops or seeds:

**Evogene:** Studying resistance for insects, diseases and herbicides and crop enhancement and drought tolerance. They are working with corn, soybean, cotton, banana, castor seeds and canola.

<u>**CollPlant</u>**: Using GE tobacco plants with human genetics to produce collagen for cosmetic and medical purposes. Some of their products are already in the market while others are at different development and approval stages. They hold the approval of the NCTP to commercially produce in Israel GE tobacco plants under strict regulations. Currently eight producers are growing GE tobacco on a total of 2.5 Hectares. This plant is exceptional and the approval for growing it was given due to the fact that the tobacco is not part of the food chain.</u>

**Danziger Innovations:** Working with vegetables, woody and ornamental crops.

**FuturaGene:** Studying woody biomass and biotic/abiotic stresses.

Kaiima: Improving yield enhancement and biotic/abiotic stresses.

They are working with vegetables (mainly tomatoes and peppers) and also grains, such as corn, rice, canola and wheat.

**<u>Protalix</u>**: This company is working on developing recombinant therapeutic proteins for the pharmaceutical markets. They work with carrot and tobacco plants.

**<u>Rosetta Green</u>**: They are working to locate and develop unique genes so as to develop seed strains of crops suitable for biofuels and food. The firm is researching corn, wheat, rice, soybean, cotton, canola and algae.

**TargetGene:** Studying DNA editing solutions in living organisms and plants.

**Morflora**: Improving plant disease resistance. They are working with wheat, pepper, grapes, oranges and olives.

<u>Plantarche</u>: No available information regarding their work. <u>Governmental and academic centers</u>: Also authorized to research GE crops.

- E. **Innovative Biotechnologies:** There are no specific written regulations regarding innovative biotechnologies. Any such work would have to be approved by the NCTP. The application includes data such as the designation of the transformed line, phenotype, construct, genotype (promoter, gene, enhancer, terminator, etc). According to the supplied information, the NCPT will approve or disapprove the work.
- F. **Coexistence:** There are no written regulations regarding coexistence. The NCTP has to approve the application to work with GE products and it will solicit the opinion of the National Committee for Experiments (NCE). If the NCE has a doubt regarding the experiment or its location (proximity to other crops), it may ask for external expert opinions prior to approval.
- G. Labeling: Currently, Israel has no governmental policy on the labeling of GE organisms. Under the draft regulation "Public Health Regulation (Food) (Novel Foods) 5773 -2013", mandatory labeling of food items that contain GE ingredients could be implemented. According to the Israeli MOH, the mandatory labeling is not for deterrence or warning but to address consumers' rights regarding access to information about foods.

Under the proposed regulation, the following product categories will be exempt from labeling:

- Products not containing DNA or protein
- Products with less than 0.9 percent of the product being comprised GE ingredients.

According to this definition, highly refined foods, such as oils, would not require special labeling, as the refining removes proteins from the product. When the new labeling regulations are approved, exporters of food items to Israel will have to declare if the products contain ingredients derived from GE crops. Animal feed will be exempt from the labeling requirements. Sellers will also have to place a sign beside GE products that are sold in bulk.

- H. **Monitoring and Testing:** Israel does not have a system for testing and controlling the entry of GE products into the country; therefore, currently, products containing GE organisms are allowed to enter the country. Exporters that produce food items from imported raw materials for export would be subject to the destination country's regulations. That would include any labeling or testing requirements.
- I. Low Level Presence Policy: N/A
- J. Additional Regulatory Requirements: GE seeds and plants are not commercially planted and grown in Israel for human consumption. GE products, as other novel foods, would face the regulatory hurdles explained above. It is worth noting that some novel foods, such as red grape cells, are currently approved for human consumption in Israel under very specific conditions.

#### K. Intellectual Property Rights: N/A

- L. **Cartagena Protocol Ratification:** Israel did not sign the Cartagena Protocol. The Israeli Ministry that is in charge of this issue is the Ministry of Economy.
- M. **International Treaties/Fora**: Israel is not actively participating in discussions related to GE plant or seed varieties with international organizations.
- N. Trade Barriers: There are currently no trade barriers to imported GE products.

#### **PART C: MARKETING**

- A. **Market Acceptance**: Israeli consumer awareness regarding biotechnology is relatively low. There is very little reference in the local media to the issue. The Israel public is currently unconcerned with the issue.
- B. **Public/Private Opinions**: In the past, some environmental activists expressed concerns regarding the safety and the potential harm that could result from the use of GE crops. One fear is that GE seeds will "leak" into the wild and cross-pollinate wild plants causing new unwanted varieties. In spite of these minority opinions, Israeli consumers will buy products containing GMOs.

As in other countries, many Israeli scientists and researchers working with GE crops favor the technology as a way to supply global food markets when faced with shortages, plant disease, and environmental stress.

C. **Marketing Studies**: Post is not aware of any Israeli marketing studies on GE crops, seeds or food products containing them.

#### **Chapter 2: Animal Biotechnology**

#### PART E: PRODUCTION AND TRADE

GE animals are not a topic of concern in Israel, and there is no legislation or regulation related to the development, trials, commercial use, imports or exports of GE or cloned animals. The ministry in charge of this subject is the MOAG through its veterinary services.

- a. **Product Development**: There is some very limited research on animal genetic engineering in Israel using human or animal cells. Most of this work is focused on repairing human tissue. Researchers and companies do not publicize specific information regarding these studies.
- b. **Commercial Production**: There is no commercial production of GE animals in Israel, nor is any expected in the near future.
- c. Exports: No GE animals or organs are exported from Israel.
- d. Imports: No live GE animals are imported by Israel.
- e. **Trade Barriers**: Any prospective GE animals would be subject to the same sanitary requirements as non-GE animals. There are no existing barriers to trade specifically targeting GE animals.

#### **PART F: POLICY**

- a. **Regulatory Framework**: The ministry in charge of experiments and regulation of GE animal production is the MOAG's veterinary branch. All requests for such experiments would have to pass through them for evaluation and approval. There is no regulation regarding importing of GE animals and the new draft regulation avoids the subject.
- b. Innovative Biotechnologies: N/A
- c. Labeling and Traceability: There is no policy for the traceability and labeling of GE animals.
- d. Intellectual Property Rights (IPR): N/A
- e. **International Treaties/Fora**: Israel is a member of Codex Alimentarius and also a member of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) but does not actively participate in discussions related to animal biotechnologies.

#### PART G: MARKETING

- A. **Public/Private Opinions**: Genetically engineered animals are not being discussed by the public or the private sector. The media rarely reports on the topic and, in fact, many Israelis do not actually understand what a GE animal is. There is general knowledge from international media that cloning exists (i.e. Dolly the sheep), but very limited specific information. Future concerns regarding GE animal products will likely focus more on Kosher issues than on the source of the animal.
- B. **Market Acceptance/Studies**: N/A. It is not on the agenda of the public or private sector, and, as yet, no time and money has been invested in market studies and analysis.

#### APPENDIX I – APPLICATION FOR GE APPROVAL

משרד החקלאות/ Ministry of Agriculture

/ (ורצ"מ) ועדה ראשית לצמחים מהונדסים

#### National Committee for Transgenic Plants(NCTP)

#### בקשה לרישוי ניסויים בצמחים מהונדסים (ציימ) \* ויבואם

## Application for permit to experiment with transgenic plants, GMO \*\* & their import

(המידע בבקשה ישמש לרישוי <u>ניסויים בלבד</u> בצ״מ, מ״א וייבוא עבורם. לשחרור לסביבה ולמסחור נדרש מידע ואישור נוספים לבקשה מתאימה נפרדת).

(This information will be used to determine eligibility to receive permit for experiments with genetically modified plants & microorganisms and their import. For release to environment permit, additional information will be required)

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Any information that the applicant does not want to disclose for competitive reasons can be claimed as confidential information. Applicants should submit a written justification to support each claim which will be considered.

הוראות: יש למלא את כל הפרטים הנדרשים, בעברית ובאנגלית, ולצרף מידע נוסף לפי הרשימה. Instructions: Complete this form and enclose the supporting information listed.

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**Commitment** 

I hereby certify that the information in this application and all attachments is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I hereby certify that during the conduct of the experiment I will follow the institutional biosafety committee & the national committee procedures and the license conditions.

I hereby certify to report to the institutional biosafety committee about the initiation & termination of the experiment and the measures taken for termination & disposal of the biological material.

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#### Food / Food Marketing Requirements, Usage, Labeling **Component Title** Sarcocornia Fruticosa Red Grapes Cells Stanols / Sterols Phytosterols Schizochytrium sp. Salvia Hispanica (Chia) Trehalose D-Tagatose Capparis Cartilaginea Isomaltulose Alpha- Cyclodextrin Lithothamnium Corrallioides **Bacillus** Coagulans + Sucralos Sweetner Amorphic Calcium Carbonate Sucromalt Sugar from Coconut Flower Konjac Noodles Salona Green Coffee Bean Powder Hoodia Parviflora Upper parts of the Sarcocornia Fraticosa plant Cotton – GHB614 Glyphosate herbicide tolerant cotton produced by inserting a double-mutated (Bayer CropScience) form of the enzyme 5-enolpyruvyl shikimate-3-phosphate synthase (EPSPS) from Zea mays. Glufosinate ammonium herbicide tolerant cotton produced by inserting a Cotton - 25modified phosphinothricin acetyltransferase (PAT) encoding gene from the LLCotton (Bayer CropScience) soil bacterium Streptomyces hygroscopicus. Cotton – Insect resistant cotton derived by transformation of the DP50B parent

#### **APPENDIX II – APPROVED NOVEL FOODS AND COMMODITY VARIETIES**

MON15985	variety, which contained event 531 (expressing Cry1Ac protein), with		
(Monsanto)	purified plasmid DNA containing the <i>cry2Ab2</i> gene from <i>B. thuringiensis</i>		
· /	subsp. <i>Kurstaki</i>		
Corn – BT11	Insect-resistnat (European corn borer) and herbicide tolerant (Glufosinate		
(Syngenta Seeds)	Ammonium) maize produces by inserting the cry1Ab gene from <i>Bacillus</i>		
	thuringiensis subsp. Kurstaki, and the phosphinothricin N-acetyltransferase		
	(PAT) encoding gene from S. viridochromogenes.		
Corn – DAS59122-7	Corn rootworm-resistant maize produced by inserting the cry34Ab1 &		
(Pioneer and Dow	cry35Ab1 genes from <i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> strain PS149B1.		
AgroSciences)	The PAT encoding gene from <i>Streptomyces viridochromogenes</i> as a		
	selectable marker.		
Corn – GA21	Glyphosate herbicide tolerant Corn. Produced by particle bombardment of a		
(Syngenta Seeds)	modified 5-enolpyruvyl shikimate-3-phosphate synthase (EPSPS), an		
	enzyme involved in the shikimate biochemical pathway for the production of		
	the aromatic amino acids.		
Corn MIR604	Corn rootworm resistant maize produced by transformation with a modified		
(Syngenta Seeds)	<i>cry3A</i> gene.		
	The phosphomannose isomerase gene from <i>E.coli</i> as a selectable marker.		
Corn MON810	Insect-resistant (European corn borer, ECB) maize produced by inserting a		
(Monsanto)	truncated form of the cry1Ab gene from <i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> subsp.		
	Kurstaki HD-1.		
Corn – MON863	Corn root worm resistant maize produced by inserting the cry3Bb1 gene		
(Monsanto)	from Bacillus thuringiensis subsp. Kumamotoensis.		
Corn – MON88017	Corn rootworm-resistant maize produced by inserting the cry3Bb1 gene		
(Monsanto)	from Bacillus thuringiensis subspecies Kumamotoensis strain EG4691.		
	Glyphosate tolerance derived by inserting a 5-enolpyruvylshikimate-3-		
	phosphate synthase (EPSPS) encoding gene from Agrobacterium		
	tumefaciens strain CP4.		
Corn – NK603	Glyphosate herbicide tolerant Corn. Produced by particle bombardment of a		
(Monsanto)	modified a 5-enolpyruvyl shikimate-3-phosphate synthase (EPSPS), an		
	enzyme involved in the shikimate biochemical pathway for the production of		
	the aromatic amino acids.		
Corn – T14, T25	Glufosinate herbicide tolerant maize produced by inserting the		
(Bayer CropScience)	phosphinothricin N-acetyltransferase (PAT) encoding gene from the aerobic		
	actinomycete Streptomyces viridochromogenes.		
Corn – DAS1507	Insect-resistant & glufosinate ammonium herbicide tolerant maize produced		
(Pioneer and Dow	by inserting the cry1F gene from Bacillus thuringiensis var. aizawai & the		
AgroSciences)	phosphinothricin N-acetyltransferase encoding gene from Streptomyces		
	viridochromogenes.		
Canola – GT73,	Glyphosate herbicide tolerant canola produced by inserting genes encoding		
RT73	the enzymes 5-enolypyruvylshikimate-3-phosphate synthase (EPSPS) from		
(Monsanto)	the CP4 strain of Agrobacterium tumefaciens & glyphosate oxidase from		
	Ochrobactrum anthropic.		
Canola – HCN92	Herbicide glufosinate-ammonium tolerant canola produced by introduction		
(Aventis Crop	of the PPT-acetyltranferase (PAT) encoding gene from <i>Streptomyces</i>		

Science)	<i>viridochromogenes</i> , an aerobic soil bacteria. PPT normally acts to inhibit glutamine synthetase, causing a fatal accumulation of ammonia. Acetylated PPT is inactive.
Canola – MS1, RF1 (Aventis Crop Science)	Male-sterility, fertility restoration, pollination control system displaying glufosinate herbicide tolerence. MS lines contained the <i>barnase</i> gene from <i>Bacillus amyloliquefaciens</i> , RF lines contained the <i>barstar</i> gene from the same bacteria, & both lines contained the phosphinothricin N-acetyltransferase (PAT) encoding gene from <i>Streptomyces hygroscopicus</i> .
Canola – MS1, RF2, PGS2 (Aventis Crop Science)	Male-sterility, fertility restoration, pollination control system displaying glufosinate herbicide tolerence. MS lines contained the <i>barnase</i> gene from <i>Bacillus amyloliquefaciens</i> , RF lines contained the <i>barstar</i> gene from the same bacteria, & both lines contained the phosphinothricin N-acetyltransferase (PAT) encoding gene from <i>Streptomyces hygroscopicus</i> .
Canola – T45 (Bayer CropScience)	Introduction of the PPT-acetyltransferase (PAT) encoding gene from <i>Streptomyces viridochromogenes</i> , an aerobic soil bacteria. PPT normally acts to inhibit glutamine synthetase, causing a fatal accumulation of ammonia, Acetylated PPT is inactive.
Soybean – A5547- 35, A2704-21, A2704- 12 (Bayer CropScience)	Glufosinate ammonium herbicide tolerant soybean produced by inserting a modified phosphinothricin acetyltransferase (PAT) encoding gene from the soil bacterium <i>Steptomyces viridochromogenes</i> .
Soybean – A5547- 127, (Bayer CropScience)	Glufosinate ammonium herbicide tolerant soybean produced by inserting a modified phosphinothricin acetyltransferase (PAT) encoding gene from the soil bacterium <i>Streptomyces viridochromogenes</i> .
Soybean – DP356043 (DuPont Pioneer)	Soybean event with two herbicide tolerance genes: glyphosate N- acetlytransferase, which detoxifies glyphosate, & a modified acetolactate synthase (ALS) gene which is tolerant to ALS-inhibiting herbicides.
Soybean – GTS40- 3-2 (Monsanto)	Glyphosate tolerant soybean variety produced by inserting a modified 5-enolpyruvylshikimate-3-phosphate synthase (EPSPS) encoding gene from the soil bacterium <i>Agrobacterium tumefaciens</i> .
Soybean – MON89788 (Monsanto)	Glyphosate tolerant soybean produced by inserting a modified 5-enolpyruvylshikimate-3-phosphate synthase (EPSPS) encoding <i>aroA</i> ( <i>epsps</i> ) gene from <i>Agrobacterium tumefaciens</i> CP4.
Sugar Beet – H7-1 (Monsanto)	Glyphosate herbicide tolerant sugar beet produced by inserting a gene encoding the enzyme 5-enolypyruvylshikimate-3-phosphate synthase (EPSPS) from the CP4 strain of <i>Agrobacterium tumefaciens</i> .
Chicory- RM3-3, RM3-4, RM3-6	Male sterility was via insertion of the barnase ribonuclease gene from <i>Bacillus amyloliquefaciens</i> ; PPT resistance was via the bar gene from <i>S</i> .

(Bejo Zaden BV) *hygroscopicus* which encodes the PAT enzyme.