

GM foods strain old FDA and USDA laws

The following is an edited excerpt.

When is a fish not a fish but a drug? When government regulators take old laws and twist themselves into knots trying to apply them to new technology.

In the emotionally charged battle over the safety and appropriateness of genetically modified foods, people on both sides agree that the way the government oversees genetically modified plants and animals is patchy, inconsistent and at times just plain bizarre.

Soon, analysts say, the system may be stretched to the breaking point. That could leave many genetically modified crops unregulated — a worry for those who fear environmental and safety risks or who believe that government vetting is key for broad public acceptance.

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