

## Genetically modified crops needed to 'feed the world,' says U.K.'s chief scientific advisor

*The following is an excerpt.*

The case for genetically modified (GM) food is getting stronger because of its importance as a tool to feed a growing global population, according to the Government's new chief scientific adviser.

Sir Mark Walport, who is one month into his new job, said today that he will aim to offer ministers the best and most accurate advice on all aspects of science policy, including the introduction of GM crops.

"The issue is European regulation, which is that Europe grows remarkably little genetically modified crops so I don't think this is something that is going to change overnight," Sir Mark said.

"But I think it is inexorably rising up the agenda again because as a technology it is showing its value more and more obviously in terms of the crops that are able to feed the world," he said.

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