

USDA taking comments on labeling meat, poultry, eggs produced without GMO feed

USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service has set an Oct. 24 deadline for submitting comments on its program for approving negative claims for meat, poultry and egg products that do not contain bioengineered or genetically modified ingredients, or that are derived from livestock that do not consume bioengineered or genetically modified feed...

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FSIS announced it has developed a compliance guide for companies that seek to make label or labeling claims concerning the fact that bioengineered or GM ingredients were not used in a meat, poultry or egg product.

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Because FSIS does not have the ability to independently verify negative claims for ingredients or feed, FSIS has required establishments that make these claims to comply with standards established by a third-party certifying organization.

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[P]rior to issuing this guidance document, FSIS has not allowed the use of the terms "genetically modified organism" or "GMO" in negative claims... However, recent legislation was enacted... requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to... implement a mandatory national bioengineered food disclosure standard... Therefore, FSIS has reconsidered its position...

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