

## Gene-edited animals should be covered by same regulations as gene-edited plants

In vivo gene editing techniques have attracted great interest, not only in the scientific community, but also among regulatory agencies worldwide... there are ongoing debates on how to handle such challenges at the regulatory level that need to be solved as a sine qua non condition for these organisms to have a chance of becoming commercially available.

...[G]ene editing techniques are also being enthusiastically applied in the animal biotechnology field. Moreover, in animals the “conventional” transgenic approach is inefficient and we anticipate most future products of animal biotechnology will be derived from gene editing techniques.

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The increasing availability of innovative biotechnology tools for animal breeding makes it imperative to include gene edited animals alongside crops developed by NBT [New Breeding Techniques] in the policy-making regulatory agenda. It is important that further steps towards an effective regulation for gene-edited or “NBT” agricultural products have a scope wide enough to include animal products simultaneously under the same general regulatory principles.

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