

Post Brexit Britain could become major grower of GMO crops, bucking Europe

Genetically modified crops will be grown across England after Britain pulls out of the European Union, under plans being drawn up by ministers.

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George Eustice, the agriculture minister, revealed in a written parliament answer that “as part of the preparations for EU exit” the government was looking at “possible future arrangements for the regulation of genetically modified organisms”.

Tomatoes rich in antioxidants and blight-resistant potatoes are in line for production,

Mr Eustice insisted that the new rules should be “science-based and proportionate”.

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Environmental groups opposed to GM foods have, however, challenged the move.

Clare Oxborrow, farming campaigner at Friends of the Earth, said: “Ministers will know how vital the European market is to British farmers, so any change in policy to allow GM crops to be grown here would be a devastating own goal.”

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