

USDA will not regulate Scotts' and Monsanto's glyphosate-resistant GMO grass

APHIS [Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service] received a petition from the Scotts Company of Marysville, OH, and Monsanto Company of St. Louis, MO (Scotts/Monsanto), seeking a determination of nonregulated status of creeping bentgrass (*Agrostis stolonifera* L.) designated as event ASR368, which has been genetically engineered for resistance to the herbicide glyphosate. The Scotts/Monsanto petition states that information collected during field trials and laboratory analyses indicates that ASR368 bentgrass is not likely to be a plant pest and therefore should not be a regulated article under APHIS' regulations in [7 CFR part 340](#).

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Based on APHIS' analysis of field and laboratory data submitted by Scotts/Monsanto, references provided in the petitions, peer-reviewed publications, information analyzed in the EIS, the PPRA, comments provided by the public, and APHIS' evaluation of and response to those comments, APHIS has determined that is unlikely to pose a plant pest risk. Accordingly, the petition requesting a determination of nonregulated status is approved and ASR368 bentgrass is no longer subject to our regulations governing the introduction of certain genetically engineered organisms and to the plant pest provisions of the Plant Protection Act.

The GLP aggregated and excerpted this blog/article to reflect the diversity of news, opinion and analysis. Read full, original post: [The Scotts Co. and Monsanto Co.; Determination of Nonregulated Status of Creeping Bentgrass Genetically Engineered for Resistance to Glyphosate](#)