

## USDA plans to publish draft of proposed federal GMO labeling rule this fall

USDA will publish a draft of its proposed federal GMO labeling rule in the fall of this year (which will be subject to public comment) and says it is “working hard to meet the schedule in order to issue a final rule on the law in July 2018.”

USDA has not yet given a compliance date, however, a spokesman told FoodNavigator-USA.

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Right now, fairly significant questions remain, such as precisely what does ‘bio-engineered’ mean, and will highly refined foods derived from GM crops such as high fructose corn syrup or soybean oil ... require GMO labels?

There is also disagreement over what a symbol might look like such that it is “not disparaging toward bio-engineering,” and ongoing confusion over ‘non-GMO’ claims, which are not addressed in the legislation, but are currently very widely used, and don’t always mean the same thing.

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