USDA patents provide glimpse of coming GMO and bioengineered food labels

On August 7, 2018, USDA filed six new bioengineered food symbols with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, to "certify that a product...is a bioengineered food"

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Interestingly, two of the newly filed symbols include the text, "made with bioengineering," which was not explicitly contemplated in the proposed rule. Further, the new filings do not utilize the "smiley faces" which received much attention in the comments to the proposed rule. Whether USDA adopts any of the newly filed symbols remains to be seen, but nevertheless, the filings do serve as a signal of USDA's thinking as the Department works to finalize the regulations to implement its [GMO ingredient disclosure regulations].

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