

Will the EU reverse its block on CRISPR crops? Rebel countries urge regulators to reconsider legal status of gene editing

The EU Council will ask the Commission to conduct a study into the “status of novel genomic techniques” for plants under EU law.

The move could be the first step toward changing EU law to permit new kinds of plant gene editing such as CRISPR, which has been hampered since Europe’s top court ruled [in 2018] it should be treated just as strictly as genetically-modified organisms.

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In a legislative act likely to be signed off this week, EU governments call on the Commission to submit a study by the end of April 2021 “to clarify the situation” of how the bloc should respond to the ECJ ruling.

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