GMOs 'pose no health risks,' biotech experts say, but 'bioengineered' food labels coming anyway

Nearly 70 percent of processed foods at U.S. grocery stores <u>contain</u> at least one genetically engineered ingredient. Even though most scientists <u>believe</u> that genetically engineered foods pose no health risks, around half of Americans polled by <u>Pew Research Center think</u> genetically engineered foods are worse for one's health.

After decades of controversy, many genetically engineered foods will <u>require</u> labels in the United States starting in 2022, due to the national bioengineered food disclosure standard adopted by the <u>U.S.</u> <u>Department of Agriculture</u> (USDA) in 2018.

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In 2014, however, Vermont was the first state in the United States to pass a GMO labeling <u>law</u> In July 2016, the same month the Vermont labeling requirements were slated to take effect, President Barack Obama signed federal <u>legislation</u> that now preempts states from imposing labeling requirements. That legislation also directed the USDA to develop a federal labeling standard.

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