

Maine Revised Statutes
Title 22: HEALTH AND WELFARE
Chapter 565: Genetically Engineered Products

§2593. DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOOD

(WHOLE SECTION TEXT REPEALED 1/1/18 IF CONTINGENCY NOT MET)

(WHOLE SECTION TEXT EFFECTIVE UPON CONTINGENCY: See PL 2013, c. 436, §2, sub-§1)

1. Disclosure. Beginning 18 months after the effective date of this section, any food offered for retail sale that is genetically engineered must be accompanied by a conspicuous disclosure that states "Produced with Genetic Engineering." The statement must be located on the package for all packaged food or, in the case of unpackaged food, on a card or label on the store shelf or bin in which the food is displayed.

[2013, c. 436, §1 (NEW); 2013, c. 436, §2 (AFF) .]

2. Use of term "natural." A food that is subject to disclosure under subsection 1 may not be described on the label or by similar identification as "natural."

[2013, c. 436, §1 (NEW); 2013, c. 436, §2 (AFF) .]

3. Misbranding. Any food that is genetically engineered that does not display the disclosure required under subsection 1 or that is labeled or identified as natural in violation of subsection 2 is considered misbranded for the purposes of chapter 551, subchapter 1 except that:

A. A food is not considered misbranded if the food is produced by a person who:

(1) Grows, raises or otherwise produces that food without knowledge that the food was created from other seed or other food that was genetically engineered; and

(2) Obtains a sworn statement from the person from whom the food was obtained that the food was not knowingly genetically engineered and was segregated from and not knowingly commingled with a food component that may have been genetically engineered; [2013, c. 436, §1 (NEW); 2013, c. 436, §2 (AFF).]

B. A food product derived from an animal is not considered misbranded if the animal was not genetically engineered but was fed genetically engineered feed; and [2013, c. 436, §1 (NEW); 2013, c. 436, §2 (AFF).]

C. A packaged processed food is not considered misbranded if the total weight of the processed food that was genetically engineered is less than 0.9% of the total weight of the processed food. [2013, c. 436, §1 (NEW); 2013, c. 436, §2 (AFF).]

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4. Rules. The commissioner may adopt routine technical rules under Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A for the administration and enforcement of this chapter.

[2013, c. 436, §1 (NEW); 2013, c. 436, §2 (AFF) .]

SECTION HISTORY

2013, c. 436, §1 (NEW). 2013, c. 436, §2 (AFF).

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