

Gene Editing: Regulatory Opportunities and Challenges

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First Principles: Coordinated Framework for the Regulation of Biotechnology

Key principles:

- Regulation of products rather than processes
- Regulation under existing laws
- Regulation based on "sound science"

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Current Regulatory Oversight

Three primary agencies oversee biotechnology-derived agricultural products

- Plants:

- USDA (plant pests)
- EPA (pesticidal proteins)
- FDA (voluntary consultation for food uses)

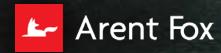
- Animals:

- FDA (new animal drug authority)
- EPA (certain insects)

- Microbes:

- EPA (FIFRA/TSCA)
- USDA (plant pests)

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Regulatory Crossroad

- Coordinated Framework Review (2015-2017)
- National Academies Report (March 2017)
- Report of Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity (January 2018)
- Biotechnology Working Group (current)



Recent Activity on Plants

USDA
Start/Stop
Part 340
Revisions
(2017)

FDA
Request for
Information
(2017)

USDA Secretary's Statement (March 2018) USDA Notice of Intent re Part 340 (July 2018)



Recent Activity on Animals

Revised **Draft** Guidance 187 (January 2017)



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What's Next?

What to Expect

- Pathways taking shape but not yet clear
- Administrative priority
- Next 1-2 years will be important
- Opportunities for stakeholder input



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Thank you.

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