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**Subject:** Re: Definition of NOT a Genetically Modified Organism - [REDACTED]  
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Hello [REDACTED]

As discussed on the phone this morning, the OGTR currently has a working group that are considering organisms modified using new technologies, and whether or not they are regulated under the *Gene Technology Act 2000*. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I'm happy to pass on your query to this group, but you should be aware it may take some time before we can provide an answer. [REDACTED]

Site-directed mutagenesis using oligonucleotides is also a consideration of this group.

As discussed, until we can provide you with advice on this, you may wish to continue to cover these GMOs under an NLRD. As noted in the footer below, this is general advice, and your organisation may also want to consider getting your own legal advice.

I hope this helps - please let me know if you have any further questions.

Kind regards,

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Hello OGTR,

[REDACTED] the IBC at La Trobe University.

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It also appears that organisms mutated using Oligonucleotide directed mutagenesis are not 'genetically modified organisms' as there is no foreign DNA from another organism incorporated, only nucleotide changes. Is this the case? Do the nucleotide changes constitute 'foreign DNA' (from another host).

Hoping you can help clarify these questions

Thanks

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