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If the OGTR deregulates these new GM techniques there will be no monitoring or surveillance. Anyone from amateur biohackers – to industry – to terror groups would be free to use them to genetically modify plants, animals and microbes. Entirely new diseases and poisons could be made. And they could enter our food chain and our environment with no safety testing and no labelling. The risks could be catastrophic.

Reviews commissioned by the Austrian and Norwegian governments concluded that not enough is known about the risks posed by these new GM techniques. They recommended that products derived from them require comprehensive case-by-case risk assessments.

Should:

All new GM techniques be regulated to protect human health and the environment?

Products derived from all new GM techniques be labelled?

The offspring of GMOs that have theoretically not inherited the GM trait be assessed for safety? Should their products be labelled?

Amateur biohackers be allowed to use GM techniques on living organisms in unregistered laboratories with no regulation?

Yours sincerely, Linda Dal Castello