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It's come to my attention OGTR is planning to deregulate a range of new genetic modification (GM) techniques.

The main concern for myself, family and community is 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.

Please note I do not consent to deregulation of these new GM techniques, independent, case by case risk assessment should be mandatory.