



Australian Government

Department of Health

Office of the Gene Technology Regulator

NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION

Receipt of licence application from Syngenta Australia Pty Ltd for commercial release of genetically modified cotton

Application

The Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR) has received a licence application (DIR 157) from Syngenta Australia Pty Ltd (Syngenta) for commercial cultivation of genetically modified (GM) cotton. A summary of the application and a Questions and Answers document are posted on our website under '[What's New](#)'.

Licence application DIR 157 is for commercial release of a GM cotton line (COT102). COT102 contains an introduced gene that confers insect resistance and an introduced selectable marker gene for antibiotic resistance.

Syngenta is seeking approval to commercially grow COT102 in all cotton growing areas of Australia. The GM cotton and its products would enter general commerce, including use in human food and animal feed.

Purpose of this notification

OGTR is preparing a Risk Assessment and Risk Management Plan (RARMP) for the application. The RARMP will be prepared taking into account advice received from a broad range of experts, agencies and authorities, and relevant local councils, as specified in the *Gene Technology Act 2000*. I expect the consultation RARMP to be released for public comment and further advice from experts, agencies and authorities in **December 2017**. There will be at least 30 days allowed for submission of comments.

If you have any questions or would like to receive a copy of the full application please contact the OGTR (quoting the reference number DIR 157).

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