

# Legislation Outlook

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**This monthly legislation briefing will help you plan for the maintenance of your ISO 14001, ISO 22301, ISO 27001, ISO 45001 and ISO 50001 systems.** We will provide advance warning about important legislation that will affect compliance with these standards, including relevant news, newly published guidance and government consultations, and any other significant legislation beyond the scope of the standards listed, which may potentially impact your organisation. We don't waste your time on items such as an increase in administrative fees, we only report on items of value.

**This month sees the introduction of legislation setting out detailed rules for the already published legal framework restricting the release of precision bred plants.**

## Upcoming Standard-Related Legislation

### ISO 14001

#### **Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Act 2023 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2025**

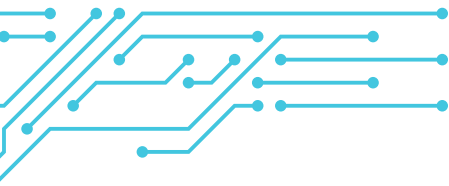
These Regulations bring into force on 13th November 2025 parts of the Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Act 2023 that place restrictions on the release of precision bred plants in England. A precision bred plant is one where:

- any feature of its genome results from the application of modern biotechnology;
- every feature of its genome that results from the application of modern biotechnology is stable;
- every feature of its genome that results from the application of modern biotechnology could have resulted from traditional processes, whether or not in conjunction with selection techniques, alone; and

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- its genome does not contain any feature that results from the application of any artificial modification technique other than modern biotechnology

Details on the restrictions can be found in the Regulations below.

## **Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Regulations 2025**

These Regulations come into force on 13th November 2025 to implement the Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Act 2023 for precision bred plants in England. The Regulations contain the detailed rules for meeting the requirements provided for in the Act, which include obligations to:

- notify the Secretary of State, of the deliberate release of precision bred plants into the environment for non-marketing purposes, such as for field trials;
- apply to Defra for a precision bred assessment and confirmation to enable precision bred plants to be marketed, such as for commercial cultivation;
- apply to the Food Standards Agency for a food and feed marketing authorisation to allow food and feed produced from confirmed precision bred plants to be placed on the market;

The Regulations also create an inspection and enforcement regime to secure compliance with the new legislation.



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## Consultations

### Encryption

The Information Commissioner's Office has launched a [consultation](#) seeking views on the updated draft guidance on encryption. The consultation ends on 24th June 2025.

### Workplace Recycling

The Environment Agency has published a [consultation](#) looking for views on their proposal to introduce a new hourly rate (time and materials charge) for businesses or occupiers of relevant non-domestic premises that are not complying with the requirements of simpler recycling: workplace recycling in England, which requires dry recyclable waste to be collected separately from food waste and residual waste. This consultation closes on 15th July 2025.



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