

**DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION NO. 26 OF JANUARY 18, 2002
ON THE STATE REGISTRATION OF FEEDSTUFF RECEIVED FROM GENETICALLY-MODIFIED
ORGANISMS (with the Amendments and Additions of July 14, 2006)**

In accordance with the Federal Law on State Regulation in the Sphere of Genetic Engineering the Government of the Russian Federation resolves:

1. To establish that feedstuff received from genetically modified organisms shall be liable to state registration without fail.

To introduce the state registration of feedstuff received from genetically-modified organisms since October 1, 2002.

2. To approve the appended Regulations for the state registration of feedstuff received from genetically-modified organisms.

3. Abolished.

Chairman of the Government of the
Russian Federation

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**Regulations for the State Registration of Feedstuff Received from Genetically-Modified Organisms
(Approved by Government Decision No. 26 of January 18, 2002) (with the Amendments and
Additions of July 14, 2006)**

1. The present Regulations establish the procedure for the state registration of feedstuff received from genetically-modified organisms (hereinafter referred to as modified organisms), save raw material received from transgene animals, and for the issue of certificates of state registration, and also for keeping the state register of feedstuff received from modified organisms (hereinafter referred to as the register).

Feedstuff includes products of vegetable, animal and microbiological origin, and also their components used to feed animals, containing assimilated nutrients and not acting upon the health of animals.

2. The present Regulations apply to all Russian and foreign subjects of scientific and technical and economic activity, regardless of their organizational structure and legal status, and also to natural persons carrying out on the territory of the Russian Federation the production or the import of feedstuff received from modified organisms.

3. The state registration of feedstuffs obtained from modified organisms and the issue of certificates of state registration shall be carried out by the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Supervision.

4. To register feedstuff received from modified organisms the juridical or natural person, which carries out the production or the import of feedstuff (hereinafter referred to as the applicant), shall submit the following documents to the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Supervision:

a) the application for the state registration of feedstuff obtained from modified organisms;

b) materials containing:

information about the origin of feedstuff received from modified organisms;

the estimate of the potential danger of the use of feedstuff received from modified organisms (as compared with the basic feedstuff) and the applicant's recommendations on its reduction;

information about the tentative use of feedstuff obtained from modified organisms, and also about the registration and the use of said feedstuff abroad;

data on the technology of growing the varieties of a modified plant used to obtain feedstuff;

data on the technology of producing feedstuff obtained from modified organisms;

the draft of the instructions on the use of feedstuff obtained from modified organisms;

c) abolished;

d) a copy of the certificate of the admission of a modified plant for use and of its inclusion in the State Register of Selection Achievements. This plant shall be used to obtain feedstuff, if the said variety is able to reproduce and is designed for the subsequent growth of biomass or fodder grain.

5. The Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Supervision shall:

a) accept, register and consider applications for the state registration of feedstuffs obtained from modified organisms;

b) verify the data submitted by applicants;

c) analyse the presented data on the safety of feedstuff obtained from the modified organisms subject to state registration;

d) take decisions on the state registration of the feedstuff obtained from modified organisms and issue to an applicant a certificate of the state registration of such feedstuff, which gives the right to bring it to the Russian Federation and produce it.

6. To secure the objectively and proper quality of the inspection of the applicant's data on the safety of the feedstuff obtained from modified organisms, the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Supervision shall set up a permanently functioning expert council on biological safety (hereinafter referred to as the expert council), the composition of which shall be endorsed by the chief of this Service.

7. Within 30 days the expert council shall verify the applicant's information about the safety of feedstuff obtained from modified organisms.

On the basis of the expert commission's findings the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Supervision shall take a decision on state registration of feedstuff or on the refusal to register it indicating the reasons and shall inform the applicant about this refusal.

8. If the submitted data are insufficient or inadequate, the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Supervision shall inquire from the applicant additional information about the safety of feedstuff obtained from modified organisms or recommend the applicant to carry out additional safety tests in specialized centres.

The findings of the respective specialized centre on the results of testing feedstuff obtained from modified organisms shall be forwarded to the expert council.

On the basis of the expert council's findings, compiled according to the results of the applicant's additional information or the findings of the specialized centre, the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Supervision shall take a decision on the state registration of feedstuff obtained from modified organisms or on the refusal to register it with an indication of the reasons and shall inform the applicant about this refusal.

9. On the basis of the decision on state registration of feedstuff obtained from modified organisms the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Supervision shall:

a) during seven days since the day of its adoption it shall issue to an applicant the certificate of the state registration of the feedstuff obtained from modified organisms, which is signed by the Chief of the Service and sealed with a stamp, and shall award it with a registration number, and also shall send information about the feedstuff obtained from modified organisms to the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation for the entry in the register;

b) approve the instructions on the use of feedstuff obtained from modified organisms.

10. The Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation shall keep a register with the aim of state control over the safe use of feedstuff obtained from modified organisms and shall send its information about the data contained therein to the interested federal state power bodies (in reply to their inquiries).

11. State registration of several types of feedstuff obtained from modified organisms shall not be allowed under one name, just as the repeated registration of one and the same feedstuff obtained from modified organisms under one or different names.

12. The Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Supervision shall organize the manufacture of the forms for the application and the certificates of state registration of feedstuff obtained from modified organisms. Certificate forms shall have a degree of protection on the level of a security, an accounting series and number and shall be documents of strict accountancy. Such forms shall be obtained and kept in storage by the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Supervision.

13. The certificate of state registration of feedstuff obtained from modified organisms shall be valid for five years from the date of its inclusion in the register.

The validity term of the certificate may be prolonged for five years. To extend the validity term of the certificate, the holder of it shall submit an application for the reregistration of feedstuff obtained from modified organisms to the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Supervision at least three months before the end of this term.

14. In the event of the disclosure of the negative influence of feedstuff obtained from modified organisms on the health of animals, which was confirmed by the statutory expert examination, the state registration of feedstuff may be cancelled by the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Supervision (with the relevant record in the register).

15. Information about the cancellation of state registration of feedstuff obtained from modified organisms shall be brought by the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Supervision to the notice of the interested federal state bodies within fifteen days of the date of the adoption of the corresponding decision.