



## Organic Seed Companies Say No to the Planned Deregulation of New Genetic Engineering

The EU Commission is planning extensive deregulation of new genetic engineering aka New Genomic Techniques (NGT) and presented its proposal on 5 July 2023. This proposal has far-reaching consequences for everyone, even if cultivation of NGT varieties won't be allowed in organic farming.

This deregulation makes it much more difficult to maintain the diversity of varieties that exist, to propagate organic seeds and to breed organically. The increasing number of patents will hinder organic breeding and lead to major problems.

The great challenges we are facing today (climate change, energy supply, preservation of our livelihoods and many more) require holistic solutions. The supposedly rapid change of a few base pairs in the genome will not suffice and the potential of NGT is usually completely overestimated.

The undersigned organic seed companies firmly reject these plans. They endanger the diversity of varieties and in particular have negative effects on plant breeding in general and organic breeding in particular.

We will not be diverted from our path. Although these plans will result in additional costs for us as organic seed companies, we will do everything we can to protect the varieties and seeds we offer from contamination and continue to offer the best quality organic seeds.

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