



United States Department of Agriculture

Office of the Secretary
Washington D.C. 20250

AUG 01 2016

The Honorable Bill Walker
Governor of Alaska
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Governor Walker:

On July 29, 2016, President Obama signed into law an Act amending the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (Act), 7 U.S.C. § 1621 et seq., which provides for a national bioengineered food disclosure standard. Among other things, the Act requires the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a national disclosure standard for bioengineered foods, including a mandatory disclosure of foods that contain bioengineering. This new law represents the first nationwide bioengineering labeling program.

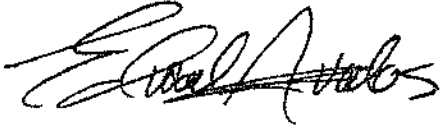
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I would recommend that the State of Alaska fully review the scope and effect of this new Federal law in advance of taking any action or considering any new state initiatives related to the regulation of labels for foods that are genetically engineered or that contain genetically engineered ingredients. Once the U.S. Department of Agriculture promulgates the national bioengineered food disclosure standard, the Act allows your state to adopt standards identical to the national bioengineered food disclosure standard.

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Edward Avalos
Under Secretary
Marketing and Regulatory Programs



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The Honorable Robert Bentley
Governor of Alabama
State Capitol
600 Dexter Avenue
Montgomery, AL 36130

Dear Governor Bentley:

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The Honorable Asa Hutchinson
Governor of Arkansas
State Capitol Building
Room 250
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Governor Hutchinson:

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The Honorable Doug Ducey
Governor of Arizona
State Capitol Executive Tower, 9th Floor
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Governor Ducey:

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The Honorable Jerry Brown
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown:

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The Honorable John Hickenlooper
Governor of Colorado
136 State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Governor Hickenlooper:

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The Honorable Dannel Malloy
Governor of Connecticut
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Governor Malloy:

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The Honorable Jack Markell
Governor of Delaware
Legislative Hall
Dover, DE 19901

Dear Governor Markell:

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The Honorable Rick Scott
Governor of Florida
PL 05 The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

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The Honorable Nathan Deal
Governor of Georgia
203 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

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The Honorable Edward Calvo
Governor of Guam
Executive Chamber
P.O. Box 2950
Hagatna, GU 96932

Dear Governor Calvo:

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The Honorable David Ige
Governor of Hawaii
Executive Chambers
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Governor Ige:

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The Honorable Terry Branstad
Governor of Iowa
State Capitol
1007 East Grand Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50322

Dear Governor Branstad:

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The Honorable Butch Otter
Governor of Idaho
700 West Jefferson
Second Floor
Boise, ID 83702

Dear Governor Otter:

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The Honorable Bruce Rauner
Governor of Illinois
State Capitol
207 Statehouse
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Governor Rauner:

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The Honorable Mike Pence
Governor of Indiana
State House
Room 206
Indianapolis, IN 46204

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The Honorable Sam Brownback
Governor of Kansas
State Capitol
2nd Floor
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Governor Brownback:

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I would recommend that the State of Kansas fully review the scope and effect of this new Federal law in advance of taking any action or considering any new state initiatives related to the regulation of labels for foods that are genetically engineered or that contain genetically engineered ingredients. Once the U.S. Department of Agriculture promulgates the national bioengineered food disclosure standard, the Act allows your state to adopt standards identical to the national bioengineered food disclosure standard.

The Honorable Sam Brownback
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Edward Avalos
Under Secretary
Marketing and Regulatory Programs



United States Department of Agriculture

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AUG 01 2016

The Honorable Matt Bevin
Governor of Kentucky
700 Capital Avenue
Suite 100
Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Governor Bevin:

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I would recommend that the State of Kentucky fully review the scope and effect of this new Federal law in advance of taking any action or considering any new state initiatives related to the regulation of labels for foods that are genetically engineered or that contain genetically engineered ingredients. Once the U.S. Department of Agriculture promulgates the national bioengineered food disclosure standard, the Act allows your state to adopt standards identical to the national bioengineered food disclosure standard.

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AUG 01 2016

The Honorable John Edwards
Governor of Louisiana
P.O. Box 94004
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Dear Governor Edwards:

On July 29, 2016, President Obama signed into law an Act amending the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (Act), 7 U.S.C. § 1621 et seq., which provides for a national bioengineered food disclosure standard. Among other things, the Act requires the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a national disclosure standard for bioengineered foods, including a mandatory disclosure of foods that contain bioengineering. This new law represents the first nationwide bioengineering labeling program.

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AUG 01 2016

The Honorable Charlie Baker
Governor of Massachusetts
State House
Room 360
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Governor Baker:

On July 29, 2016, President Obama signed into law an Act amending the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (Act), 7 U.S.C. § 1621 et seq., which provides for a national bioengineered food disclosure standard. Among other things, the Act requires the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a national disclosure standard for bioengineered foods, including a mandatory disclosure of foods that contain bioengineering. This new law represents the first nationwide bioengineering labeling program.

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AUG 01 2016

The Honorable Larry Hogan
Governor of Maryland
State House
100 State Circle
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Governor Hogan:

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AUG 01 2016

The Honorable Paul LePage
Governor of Maine
1 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Governor LePage:

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AUG 01 2016

The Honorable Rick Snyder
Governor of Michigan
P.O. Box 30013
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Governor Snyder:

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AUG 01 2016

The Honorable Mark Dayton
Governor of Minnesota
130 State Capitol
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Governor Dayton:

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The Honorable Mark Dayton
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AUG 01 2016

The Honorable Jeremiah ("Jay") Nixon
Governor of Missouri
Capitol Building
Room 218
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Governor Nixon:

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AUG 01 2016

The Honorable Phil Bryant
Governor of Mississippi
P.O. Box 139
Jackson, MS 39205

Dear Governor Bryant:

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AUG 01 2016

The Honorable Steve Bullock
Governor of Montana
P.O. Box 200801
Helena, MT 59620

Dear Governor Bullock:

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AUG 01 2016

The Honorable Pat McCrory
Governor of North Carolina
20301 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699

Dear Governor McCrory:

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AUG 01 2016

The Honorable Jack Dalrymple
Governor of North Dakota
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Department 101
Bismark, ND 58505

Dear Governor Dalrymple:

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The Honorable Jack Dalrymple
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AUG 01 2016

The Honorable Pete Ricketts
Governor of Nebraska
P.O. Box 94848
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Governor Ricketts:

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The Honorable Pete Ricketts
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AUG 01 2016

The Honorable Maggie Haasan
Governor of New Hampshire
25 Capitol Street
Room 212
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Governor Haasan:

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The Honorable Maggie Haasan
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The Honorable Chris Christie
Governor of New Jersey
125 West State Street
P.O. Box 001
Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear Governor Christie:

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The Honorable Chris Christie
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The Honorable Susana Martinez
Governor of New Mexico
State Capitol
Fourth Floor
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Dear Governor Martinez:

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The Honorable Susana Martinez
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AUG 01 2016

The Honorable Brian Sandoval
Governor of Nevada
State Capitol
101 North Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Governor Sandoval:

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The Honorable Andrew Cuomo
Governor of New York
State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

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AUG 01 2016

The Honorable John Kasich
Governor of Ohio
77 South High Street
30th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Governor Kasich:

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AUG 01 2016

The Honorable Mary Fallin
Governor of Oklahoma
2300 N. Lincoln Boulevard
Suite 212
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Governor Fallin:

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AUG 01 2016

The Honorable Kate Brown
Governor of Oregon
900 Court Street, NE
Room 254
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Governor Brown:

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AUG 01 2016

The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor of Pennsylvania
Main Capitol Building
Room 225
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Wolf:

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AUG 01 2016

The Honorable Gina Raimondo
Governor of Rhode Island
State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Governor Raimondo:

On July 29, 2016, President Obama signed into law an Act amending the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (Act), 7 U.S.C. § 1621 et seq., which provides for a national bioengineered food disclosure standard. Among other things, the Act requires the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a national disclosure standard for bioengineered foods, including a mandatory disclosure of foods that contain bioengineering. This new law represents the first nationwide bioengineering labeling program.

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AUG 01 2016

The Honorable Nikki Haley
Governor of South Carolina
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

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AUG 01 2016

The Honorable Dennis Daugaard
Governor of South Dakota
500 East Capitol Street
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Governor Daugaard:

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AUG 01 2016

The Honorable Bill Haslam
Governor of Tennessee
State Capitol
Nashville, TN 37243

Dear Governor Haslam:

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AUG 01 2016

The Honorable Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Governor Abbott:

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AUG 01 2016

The Honorable Gary Herbert
Governor of Utah
State Capitol
Suite 200
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Dear Governor Herbert:

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AUG 01 2016

The Honorable Terry McAuliffe
Governor of Virginia
Patrick Henry Building
111 East Broad Street, 3rd Floor
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Governor McAuliffe:

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AUG 01 2016

The Honorable Kenneth Mapp
Governor of Virgin Islands
Government House
21-22 Kongens Gade
St. Thomas, VI 00802

Dear Governor Mapp:

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AUG 01 2016

The Honorable Peter Shumlin
Governor of Vermont
109 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05609

Dear Governor Shumlin:

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The Honorable Jay Inslee
Governor of Washington
P.O. Box 40002
Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Governor Inslee:

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The Honorable Jay Inslee
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Edward Avalos
Under Secretary
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The Honorable Scott Walker
Governor of Wisconsin
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Dear Governor Walker:

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Governor of Wyoming
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Dear Governor Mead:

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The Honorable Bill Walker
Governor of Alaska
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