General Election 2017: Our Manifesto

GM Freeze is the UK umbrella campaign on the use of genetic engineering* in food and farming. We want everyone’s food to be produced responsibly, fairly and sustainably.

Our food and our farms are currently protected by European Union (EU) legislation. If we want to be able to choose what we grow and what we eat after the UK leaves the EU we need to act now to defend and improve these crucial safeguards.

To protect the integrity of our food, our farms and our crops we are asking prospective MPs to commit to:

- Rigorous regulation that protects people, animals and the environment.
- Labelling that allows people to take control of what they are eating.
- Protection from contamination.
What does this mean?

To achieve these commitments, the new UK Government will need to:

1. Establish and maintain rigorous UK regulations relating to the approval of genetically engineered material for release into the environment whether via field trials, cultivation, import or any other means.
2. Establish and maintain a UK requirement to label food containing genetically engineered ingredients.
3. Establish and maintain a UK requirement to label food derived from animals that have been fed genetically engineered crops.
4. Establish and maintain robust measures to prevent contamination with genetically engineered material of any kind. This includes contamination across national borders.
5. Establish and maintain a ‘polluter pays’ liability regime that will ensure fair compensation for UK farmers, growers and any other business impacted in the event of contamination with genetically engineered material of any kind.

To find out more, please contact us on info@gmfreeze.org or 0845 217 8992.

* In Europe, genetic engineering is usually referred to as genetic modification (GM). We use the term genetic engineering, above, to highlight the need for both established and newer methods (including gene editing and other non-transgenic techniques) to be properly regulated, regardless of ongoing legal debates about terminology.