

Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Bill

AMENDMENTS
TO BE MOVED
IN GRAND COMMITTEE

After Clause 1

BARONESS BAKEWELL OF HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE

After Clause 1, insert the following new Clause –

“Internationally agreed definition for precision breeding

- (1) The Secretary of State must consult with European partners and actors to agree a definition of precision breeding.
- (2) If a definition is agreed under subsection (1), the Secretary of State must make regulations to apply it for the purposes of this Act in place of the definition in section 1(2).
- (3) “European partners and actors” includes but is not limited to –
 - (a) the European Union;
 - (b) European Union member states.
- (4) Prior to entering into consultation with European partners and actors to establish an agreed definition of precision breeding, the Secretary of State must consult representatives of –
 - (a) farmers;
 - (b) devolved nations;
 - (c) suppliers;
 - (d) food producers;
 - (e) animal welfare organisations;
 - (f) consumers.
- (5) Regulations under this section are subject to the affirmative procedure.”

Clause 22

BARONESS PARMINTER

Clause 22, page 15, line 10, leave out from second “to” to end of line 17 and insert “a Committee consisting of not more than 12 members, including –

- (a) a Chair appointed by the Minister;
 - (b) such other members as are appointed by the Secretary of State in consultation with the Chair; and
 - (c) such other members as are co-opted by the Committee for a temporary period to contribute expertise.
- (3A) The Secretary of State must, in making appointments under this section, have regard to the competency of the Committee in possessing knowledge and experience in the following areas –
- (a) animal behavioural science;
 - (b) veterinary science;
 - (c) animal welfare science;
 - (d) the commercial use of animals;
 - (e) ethics;
 - (f) animal welfare advocacy;
 - (g) ecology;
 - (h) law; and
 - (i) any other area the Secretary of State considers relevant.
- (3B) The Committee must include at least one lay member.
- (3C) In this section “lay member” means a member of the public who is not an expert in the field or employed in an official capacity to perform a function or role covered by the areas that the Secretary of State must have regard to in looking for members.
- (3D) Members must be appointed with regard to their expertise and not as representatives of any profession, employer or interest group.
- (3E) The Secretary of State must provide and maintain a secretariat sufficient to support the work of the Committee.
- (3F) The Secretary of State must request that the Committee undertakes a review when a policy is developed that is likely to have a significant impact on the welfare of sentient animals.
- (3G) In exercising its functions, the Committee may –
- (a) gather and request information;
 - (b) carry out research and analysis;
 - (c) consult;
 - (d) commission others to carry out such activities;
 - (e) carry out other activities appropriate for the purpose of carrying out its functions; and
 - (f) publish the results of such activities carried out by the Committee or others.

- (3H) The Secretary of State must provide the Committee with information that is relevant to the performance of its functions.
- (3I) The Committee must have regard to the desirability of involving the public in the exercise of its functions.”

After Clause 26

BARONESS HAYMAN OF ULLOCK

After Clause 26, insert the following new Clause –

“Labelling

- (1) A person must not –
 - (a) market a precision bred organism, or
 - (b) place food and feed produced from precision bred organisms on the market,unless labelled in accordance with regulations made by the Secretary of State under this section.
- (2) Regulations under this section must ensure that the labelling referred to in subsection (1) provides sufficient information to support informed consumer choice, having regard in particular to –
 - (a) nutritional content,
 - (b) the potential presence of allergens or other substances which may cause adverse human health impacts, and
 - (c) the environmental impact of the product.
- (3) Before making regulations under this section, the Secretary of State must –
 - (a) consult representatives of –
 - (i) consumers,
 - (ii) food producers,
 - (iii) suppliers,
 - (iv) retailers,
 - (v) growers and farmers,
 - (vi) the organic sector,
 - (vii) other persons likely to be affected by the regulations, and
 - (viii) any other persons the Secretary of State considers appropriate, and
 - (b) seek the advice of the Food Standards Agency on the information to be required to be provided on labelling.
- (4) Section 30 (interpretation of Part 3) has effect for the purposes of this section as it has effect for the purposes of Part 3.
- (5) Regulations under this section are subject to the affirmative procedure.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new Clause would require the Secretary of State to make regulations about the labelling of precision bred organisms and food and feed products made from them.

Title

BARONESS PARMINTER

In the Title, line 2, after first “and” insert “farmed”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on other amendments in the name of Baroness Parminter, which reflect the limiting of the scope of the Bill to farmed animals.

BARONESS PARMINTER

In the Title, line 3, after first “and” insert “farmed”

Member's explanatory statement

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