

## FSANZ Work on New Breeding Techniques

- New breeding techniques refer to a number of recently developed methods being applied in plant and animal breeding research and development. Some plant products have already been commercialised overseas.
- Uncertainty exists about whether foods derived using certain new techniques (such as gene editing) are captured under Standard 1.5.2 Food produced using technology.
- FSANZ has been exploring options to clarify the regulatory status of these techniques. One option FSANZ had been considering, which was discussed at a workshop with interested jurisdictions on 31 August 2016, was to develop technical guidance to help product developers decide if an application under the standard was required.

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