

Risk assessment of genetically modified plants



EFSA evaluates the safety of **genetically modified (GM) plants** – such as maize, soybeans, cotton and oilseed rape – before these plants are authorised for import into the EU for use as food or feed or for cultivation.

The **genetic modification** provides the plants with additional properties such as a better **resistance to plant-eating insects**, a stronger **tolerance of herbicides** or both.

