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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1992 No. 3280**

**The Genetically Modified Organisms  
(Deliberate Release) Regulations 1992**

**PART I  
GENERAL**

**Interpretation**

**2.** In these Regulations—

“the Act” means the Environmental Protection Act 1990;

“the Commission” means the Commission of the Communities;

“the Deliberate Release Directive” means Council Directive [90/220/EEC](#)(1) on the deliberate release into the environment of genetically modified organisms;

“genetically modified organisms” means genetically modified organisms or a combination of genetically modified organisms;

“heritable genetic material” means genes or other genetic material, in any form, capable of being replicated or transferred by any means;

“local authority” means—

- (a) in Greater London, a London borough council, the Common Council of the City of London and the Sub-Treasurer of the Inner Temple and the Under-Treasurer of the Middle Temple,
- (b) outside Greater London, a district council and the Council of the Isles of Scilly, and
- (c) in Scotland, an islands or district council;

“product” means a product consisting of or including genetically modified organisms, and “approved product” means a product marketed in pursuance of and in accordance with a consent granted by the Secretary of State under section 111(1) of the Act or a written consent given by another competent authority of a member State in accordance with Article 13(4) of the Deliberate Release Directive.

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(1) OJNo. L117, 8.5.90, p.15.