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## **National GMO Labeling Standard on the Horizon**

Yesterday lawmakers on the Senate Agriculture Committee reached a bipartisan agreement to require labeling of foods with genetically engineered ingredients. The law would set a mandatory national system for disclosure on food products and will preempt states from enacting their own labeling standards regarding genetically engineered food products. The plan sets forth a range of methods companies will have to disclose that the product contains genetically modified ingredients including, placing text on packaging, using a symbol to be created by the USDA, providing A QR (quick response) code, or directing consumers to a phone number or website with more information. The bill must still be approved by the full Senate and the House of Representatives before it can reach the president's desk for signature. For more information, see this article.

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