Non-GMO Project

Standard Revision Process

To keep the Non-GMO Project Standard rigorous, current, and collaborative, the Standard undergoes a biennial revision process with public comment periods. Learn more about the Standard Revision Process below.

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Ratification of New Standard
• Consensus is sought between the Standards Committee and the Board of Directors.
  • The Board of Directors votes to ratify and publish the new Standard version.

Biennial Standard Revision Announcement
• The Biennial Standard Revision takes place in even years.
  • Intent to revise the current Standard version is announced early in even years.

Public Comment Period Round One
• Public comment period round one opens in mid-April. Comments from all stakeholder categories are accepted for 60 days through the Non-GMO Project website: nongmoproject.org.

Comment Analysis
• Comments are compiled and reviewed by the Non-GMO Project Standards & Verification team.
  • Research related to comments is conducted focusing on impact to the Non-GMO Project mission, current Verified products, and the non-GMO supply chain.
  • The Standards & Verification team drafts initial proposed revisions based on public comments and creates a redline of the Standard.

Standards Committee Evaluation
• The Standards Committee evaluates the comments and proposed redline changes to the Standard. Discussion is conducted over the span of at least three Standards Committee meetings.

Standard Redline Approval
• The Standards Committee approves a redline of the Standard for public comment period round two.

Public Comment Period Round Two
• Public comment period round two opens in August. Comments and the Standard redline from public comment period round one are made public on the Non-GMO Project website.
  • Comments from all stakeholder categories on the proposed Standard redline are accepted for 30 or 60 days.

Comment Analysis
• The comment analysis process is repeated on public comment period round two comments.

Additional Public Comment Periods
• If, after the second round there are still contentious issues, the Project may convene additional comment periods.
  • Comments from all stakeholder categories on the proposed Standard redline are accepted for 30 or 60 days.

Comment Analysis
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Standards Committee Consensus
• The Standards Committee seeks consensus on a proposed new version of the Standard and sends it to the Board of Directors for ratification.

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