



MAGB position on advanced plant breeding methods

The MAGB supports a science-based approach to plant breeding methods and recognises the benefits that these can bring to the barley supply chain and wider society. This includes a scientific approach to risk assessments where the safety of new technologies is assessed. We are also supportive of genomics approaches which complement traditional breeding methods.

Ultimately the decision as to acceptance of the final product is taken by our customers in the brewing, distilling and food industries. We aim to be as transparent in our supply chain as possible and to allow choices to be made by customers where we recognise differences of opinion may exist.

Malting is a diverse industry, and we seek to balance differing views while promoting the importance of technological developments to remain competitive in a global marketplace and to deliver against sustainability goals. However, the final decision will always be taken by individual companies and may differ from that of MAGB which represents the sector as a whole.

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