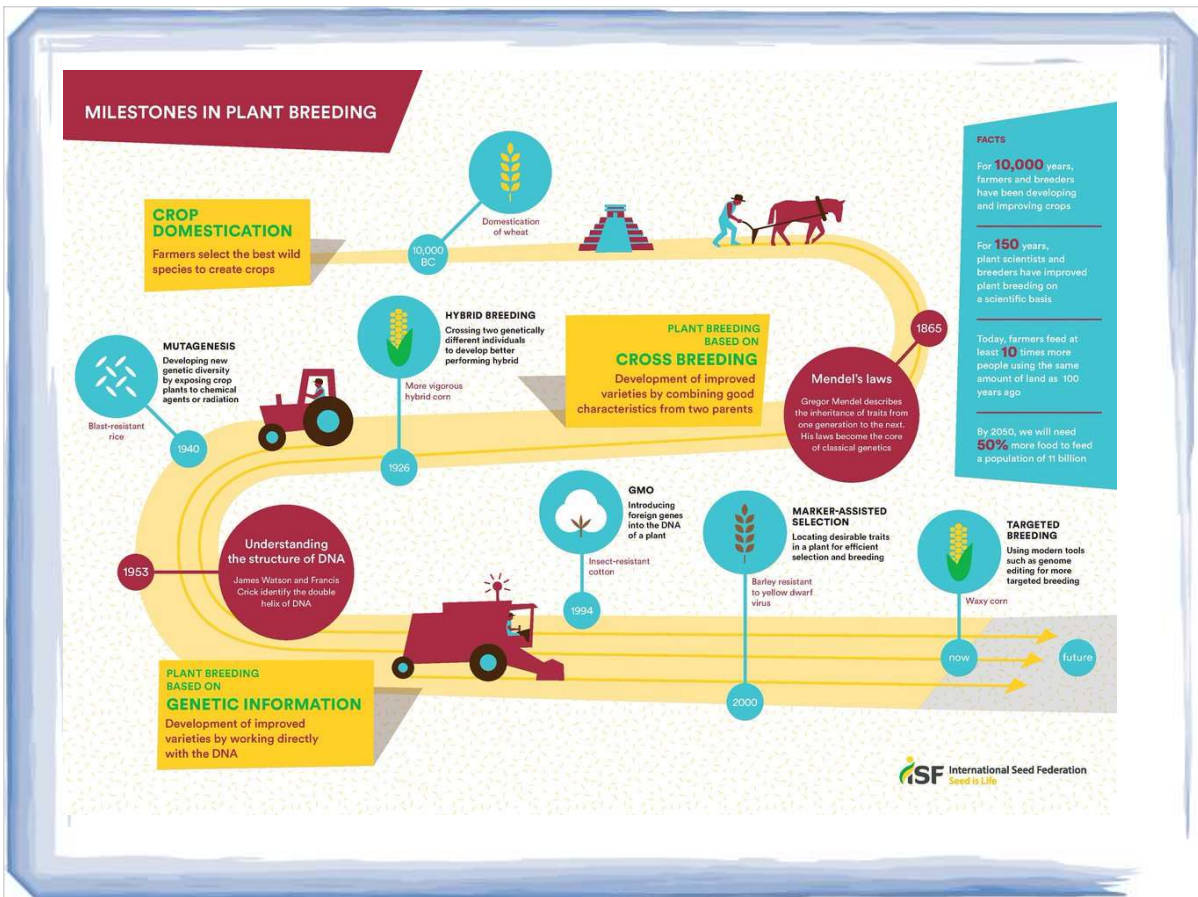




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Judgment in Case C-528/16
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Organisms obtained by mutagenesis are GMOs and are, in principle, subject to the obligations laid down by the GMO Directive

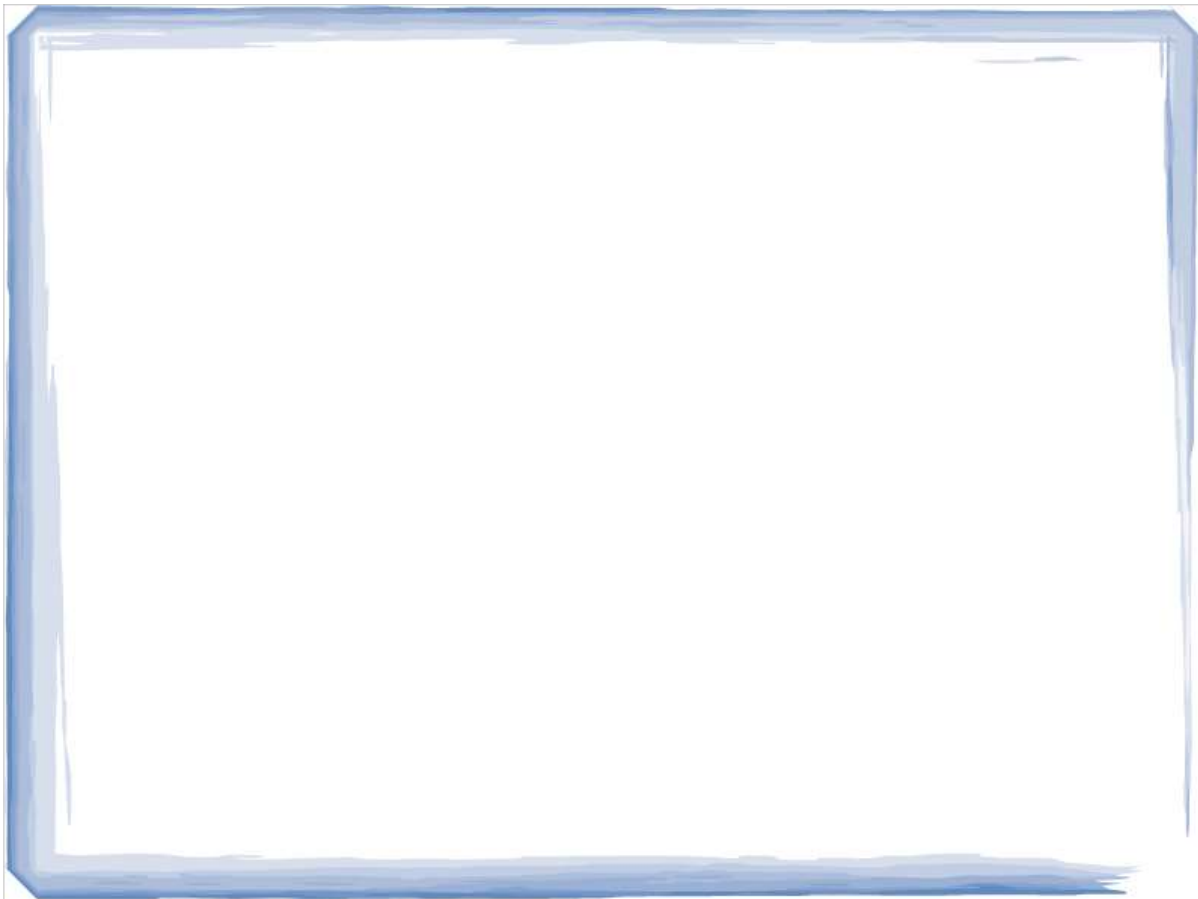
However, organisms obtained by mutagenesis techniques which have conventionally been used in a number of applications and have a long safety record are exempt from those obligations, on the understanding that the Member States are free to subject them, in compliance with EU law, to the obligations laid down by the directive or to other obligations

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The Commission's Better Regulation Agenda and the REFIT programme, in particular, provide a framework for further work on innovation. The 'Lighten the load' website and REFIT Platform provide for input from business and other stakeholders on regulatory burdens, inefficiencies and obstacles. The Better Regulation Guidelines (May 2015) provided a dedicated 'Research and Innovation Tool' which guides as to how to evaluate the positive and negative innovation implications of options for new legislative proposals. This is in line with the concept of an 'innovation principle'³¹ that anticipates impacts on innovation to be assessed and addressed in policy or regulatory proposals. The Better Regulation tools also allow identifying cumulative burdens or inefficiencies of EU regulation and assessing impacts on competitiveness, all relevant to innovation.

²⁹ Communication on Entrepreneurship 2020 Action Plan (COM(2013) 795 final), especially section 3.6 on "regulatory burden: clearer and simpler rules".

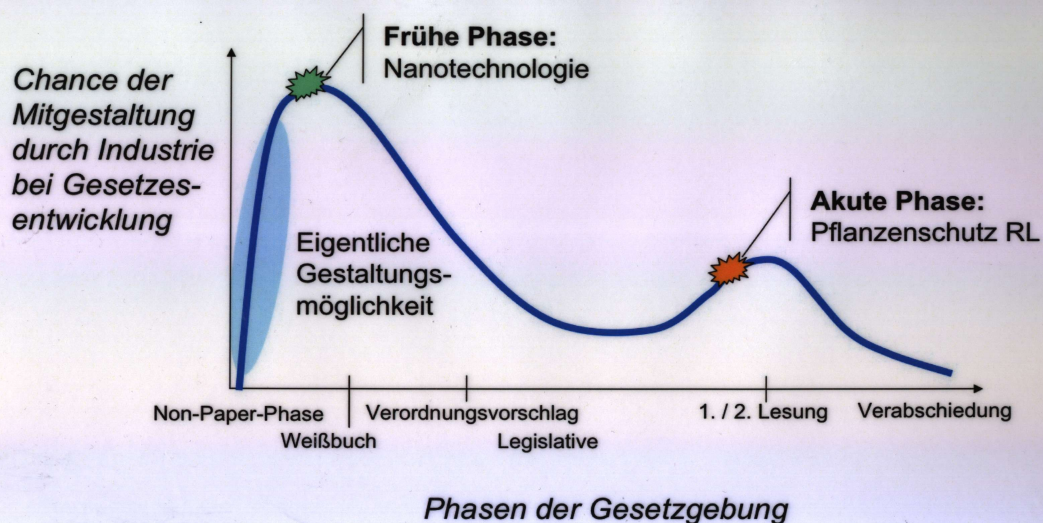
³⁰ European Risk Forum think-tank position paper 'Fostering Innovation: Better Management of Risk' (March 2015).

³¹ <https://www.business-europe.eu/sites/buseur/files/media/imported/2015-00536-E.pdf>

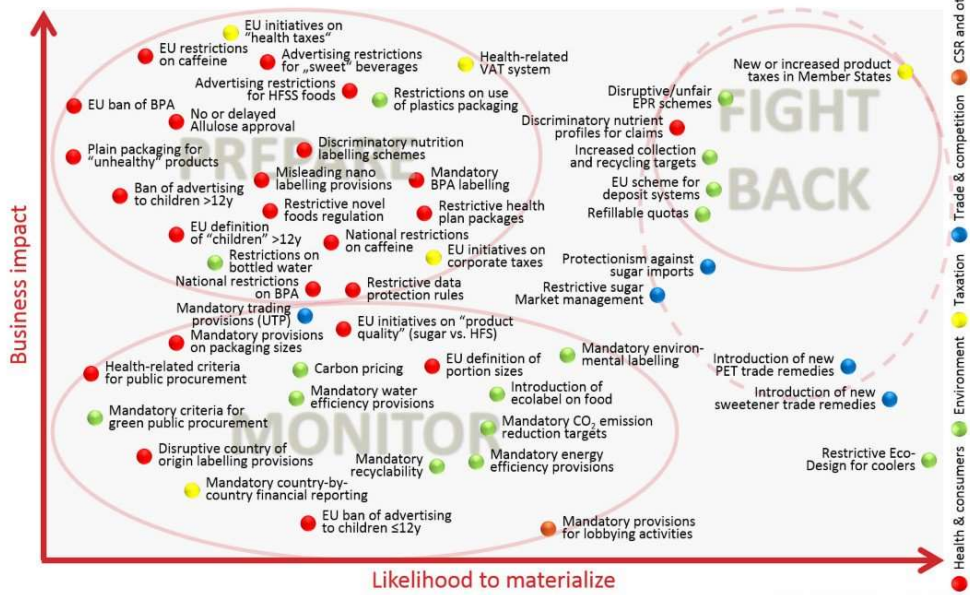
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