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# Genetic Engineering Law (Gentechnikgesetz – GenTG)

English translation of the German "Gentechnikgesetz – GenTG"  
in the version of the official publication of December 16, 1993

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The Genetic Engineering Law, presently in the version of the official publication of December 16, 1993 (BGBl. I p. 2066), presents the legal framework for any genetic engineering activities in Germany including the deliberate release in Germany and placing on the market of genetically modified organisms. Moreover the German Genetic Engineering Law is based on European directives, namely the Council Directive of April 23, 1990 on the contained use of genetically modified micro-organisms (90/219/EEC) and the Council Directive of April 23, 1990 on the deliberate release into the environment of genetically modified organisms (90/220/EEC).

The English translation shall enable foreign research-based genetic engineering companies to get immediate access to the text of the German law.

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