



# 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.

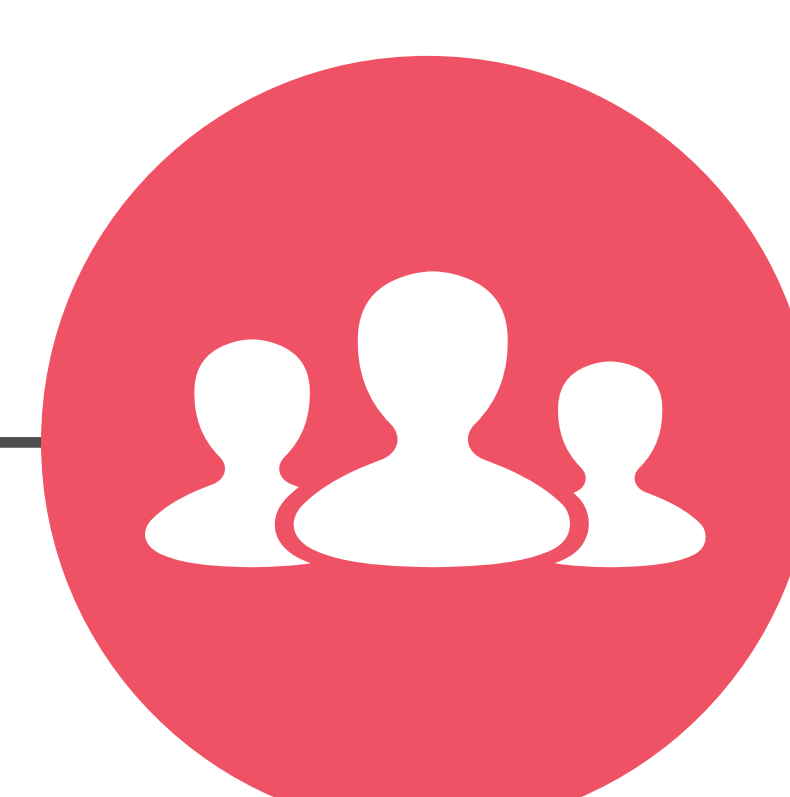


## BIENNIAL STANDARD REVISION ANNOUNCEMENT

- 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](http://nongmoproject.org).

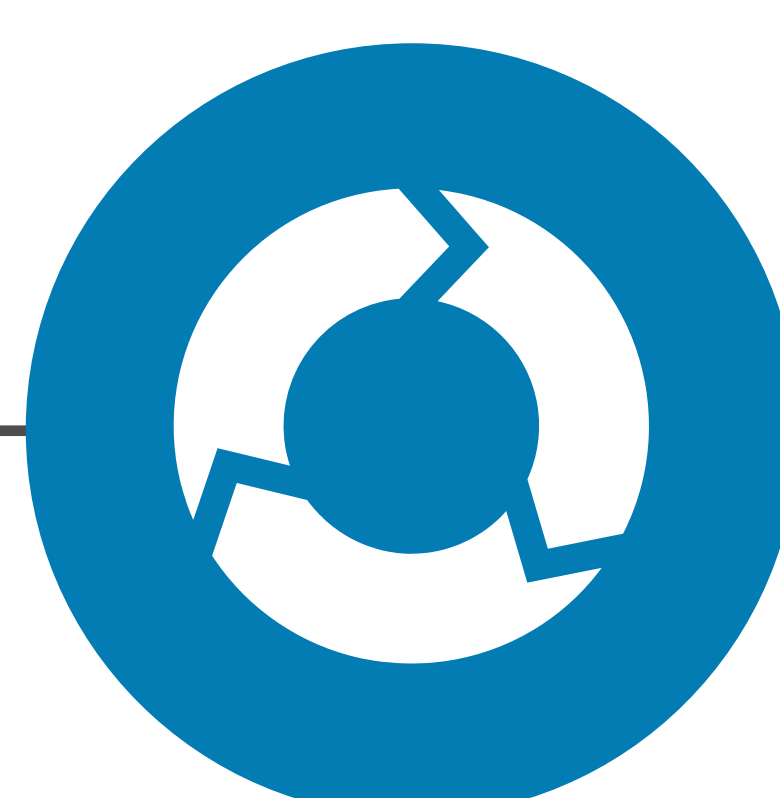


## COMMENT ANALYSIS

- 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.



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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.



## 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.