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**GENETICALLY MODIFIED CROPS FREE AREAS ACT 2003****GENETICALLY MODIFIED CROPS FREE AREAS EXEMPTION ORDER 2004**

Made by the Minister under Section 6.

**1. Citation**This order may be cited as the *Genetically Modified Crops Free Areas Exemption Order 2004*.**2. Duration**

This order comes into operation on the date of its publication and remains in force until 31 March, 2005.

**3. Exemption**

For the purposes of conducting a small field trial, the University of Western Australia and the Department of Agriculture may grow genetically modified cotton varieties containing Bollgard II® and Roundup Ready® gene technology.

Conditions of this exemption are that—

1. The field trial must be located on land owned by the University of Western Australia or Department of Agriculture and enclosed by bird netting.
2. The field trial must be conducted between December 2004 and 31 March, 2005.
3. No GM cotton in the field trial may be permitted to form viable seed.
4. All GM cotton plants must be removed from the site and incinerated at the conclusion of the field trial.
5. The site must be monitored by the Department of Agriculture for a period of 6 months after the conclusion of the trial, to ensure no volunteer cotton plants establish at the site.

Dated: 20 December 2004.

KIM CHANCE, Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

