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The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is announcing a preliminary determination to extend deregulation to a line of genetically engineered (GE) apple known as Arctic® Fuji. This GE apple developed by Okanagan Specialty Fruits, Inc. (OSF) is engineered for enzymatic browning resistance. APHIS previously reviewed and deregulated this GE trait in other apples.

APHIS has prepared a preliminary determination with an accompanying plant pest risk similarity assessment (PPRSA) and a preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). These documents can be viewed on the [BRS News Webpage](#) and will be available for public review and comment for 30 days upon publication in the *Federal Register* in the coming days.



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