

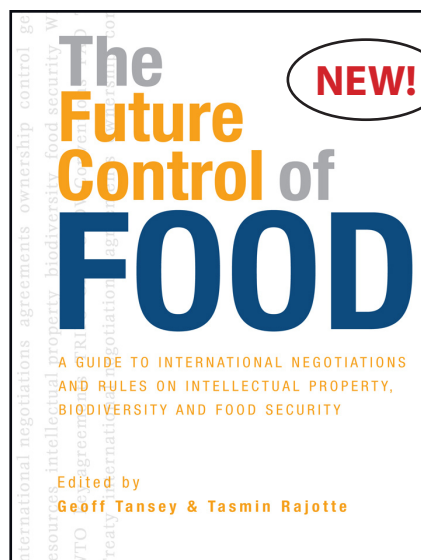
The Future Control of Food

A GUIDE TO INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS AND RULES ON
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