



Dear reader,  
Welcome to another issue of the GMO bulletin of Eco-sense!

### **MON810 banned in France**

The only GMO-plant cultivated in France (MON810) has just been officially banned, in agreement with the opinion given two days ago by a so-called "High Authority" panel of scientists and organizations representatives. This has worked thanks to the possibility for a European country to issue a "Safety Clause" despite the current authorization of this GMO-Plant in Europe. This has been a consequence of the word pledged by the French Government about GMOs during a long-run meeting called "Grenelle de l'Environnement", bringing together NGOs, scientists and politicians. This word has been reminded to them by a hunger-strike started one week ago in the middle of Paris by a group of activists, including José Bové.

### **A serious concern: Authorized GM maize is unfit for consumption**

#### **The case of Bt GM maize MON 863**

For the first time in the world, an independent study on the health risks of a GM maize authorized for consumption shows signs of hepatorenal toxicity. It is a counter valuation performed by CRIIGEN (France), of a regulatory study by the Monsanto Company, on rats fed with GM maize (MON 863) over a three-month period. The raw data were used to obtain the commercial release of this GM maize at an international level. These revelations are certainly sufficient to require an immediate ban of GM maize MON 863 and all its hybrids from human or animal consumption, as well new and more carefully conducted feeding studies. This maize cannot now be considered safe to eat. We are calling urgently for a moratorium on other approved GMOs while the efficacy of current health testing methods is reassessed.

[http://www.criigen.org/cp\\_march2007.pdf](http://www.criigen.org/cp_march2007.pdf)

### **Effects of the herbicide Roundup on human embryonic cells**

Professor Séralini's team of researchers at the University of Caen, France, published a study (May 2007) on the toxic effects of Roundup on human embryonic cells. Roundup is the major herbicide in use worldwide, including on GMOs for food and feed.

[http://www.criigen.org/press-release\\_Rup\\_0507.pdf](http://www.criigen.org/press-release_Rup_0507.pdf)

### **250 major companies back GM crop ban**

250 major food companies are supporting the continuation of the moratoria by Australian states. The companies include Goodman Fielder, the biggest user of canola oil in Australia, and the Tatiara Meat Company (TMC), the biggest producer and exporter of Australian lamb. TMC's managing director, Eckard Huebl, says there is a risk it will lose a premium now being paid for Australian lamb.

<http://www.gmwatch.org/archive2.asp?arcid=8473>

<http://www.gmwatch.org/archive2.asp?arcid=8481>

### **Milk, cheese, and pork are being invaded by GM**

Most of our milk, cheese, yoghurt and pork comes from animals raised on GM food, the Soil Association says. A spokesman said: "This GM stealth invasion of the UK food chain is denying consumers their right to

make fully- informed choices." It is thought more than 70 per cent of dairy cattle and pigs are given GM feed at some point. According to the Soil Association, four studies by different scientific teams have detected GM DNA in milk and pig and sheep tissues from GM-fed animals (Sharma et al, 2006; Agodi et al, 2006, Mazza et al, 2005; reports by Ralf Einspanier, 20 October and 20 December 2000).

<http://www.gmwatch.org/archive2.asp?arcid=8491>

for copies of the report and how to \*take action\*

<http://www.gmwatch.org/archive2.asp?arcid=8490>

### **Unapproved Chinese GM rice in Sweden**

The National Food Administration in Sweden has announced that it found unapproved GM rice Bt63 in rice noodles from China while they conducted spot checks concerning food from Asian countries.

<http://www.gmwatch.org/archive2.asp?arcid=8513>

### **EU officials propose ban on GM corn seeds**

European Union environment officials have determined that two kinds of GM corn could harm butterflies, modify food chains and disturb life in rivers and streams. They have proposed a ban on the sale of the seeds, which are made by Pioneer Hi-Bred, Dow Agrosiences and Syngenta.

<http://www.gmwatch.org/archive2.asp?arcid=8514>

### **Next year could be "ban GMOs year"**

Dominique Beroule writes, "After the global day of information on GMOs in 2006, the global month of events in 2007, 2008 could be declared 'Ban-GMOs Year'. Currently people from 26 countries have responded positively, and we hope to reach many more with this call for participation." You can reach Dominique to register your interest at [alter.campagne@yahoo.fr](mailto:alter.campagne@yahoo.fr)

Current Global Agenda at:

<http://www.altercampagne.net/>

call for participation

<http://www.gmwatch.org/archive2.asp?arcid=8504>

### **Victoria and NSW lose canola trade to western Australia**

Western Australian farmers are already reaping financial benefits and trade advantages by maintaining its moratorium on growing GM crops, WA agriculture minister Kim Chance says. Chance said the Consumers Union of Japan announced it would cease buying canola from Victoria and New South Wales during a recent Australian visit. It would instead buy WA's GM free canola. A preference by consumers for GM-free food is not just a Japanese phenomenon and is mirrored in Australia, Europe and worldwide, Chance points out. Given WA farmers are receiving substantial price premiums for their GM-free canola, it makes no sense to jeopardise the state's strong market position and begin growing commercial GM crops.

<http://www.gmwatch.org/archive2.asp?arcid=8576>

### **No GM yeast for south African wineries**

The department of agriculture's GMO Executive Council has denied an application for the release of GM yeast for use in commercial wine. The introduction of the GM was widely opposed within the wine industry.

<http://www.gmwatch.org/archive2.asp?arcid=8573>

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