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EUROPE

MACEDONIA: WE ARE GOING TO EAT GM FOOD

Macedonia in 2008 will allow genetically modified food. With the changes made in the Food safety legislation last month, Gm food will be permitted for import and production also.

<http://www.vest.com.mk/default.asp?id=139792&idg=7&idb+2151&rybrika=Makedonija>

ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AGAINST GMO IN MACEDONIA

Genetically modified food is one of the most problematic issues today, reacted "Eco-sense" from Skopje and "Vila Zora" from Veles on the changes made in the Food safety legislation for GMO go ahead in Macedonia.

<http://www.vest.com.mk/default.asp?id=139853&idg=7&idb=2152&rubrika=Makedonija>

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A second case of Monsanto maize, known as MON863, subject of a peer-reviewed scientific study published in March 2007, also showed signs of toxicity of liver and kidney in rats fed with this maize over a period of three months. The study was carried out by the French scientific research institute CRIIGEN.

<http://www.gmwatch.org/>

KEEP POLAND GMO FREE

New awareness raising tour of the Polish Countryside by Jadwiga Lopata and Julian Rose of ICPPC (August 17th to 28th 2007). For more information: www.gmo.icppc.pl

DECLARING IRELAND A GM-FREE ZONE

The Irish government's policy to declare Ireland a GM-free zone aims to prohibit the release of live GM seeds, crops, livestock, trees, insects, crustaceans and fish on the island. There is no plan to prohibit GM animal feed.

<http://www.gmwatch.org/archive2.asp?arcid=8141>

FINLAND: COMPANY FACES GM DEMO

A group of some 50 demonstrators gathered in Forssa in southern Finland to demonstrate against an earlier decision by LSO Foods to import GM soy protein to make pig feed.

<http://www.looywatch.org/archive2.asp?arcid=8184>

GM FISHY ICE-CREAM GETS GO-AHEAD IN UK

Wall's has been given the go-ahead to use GM technology to make low-fat ice cream. The company will use an artificial version of a protein found in a deep-sea fish. The company had planned not to declare its use of the GM protein on product labels. The government's Advisory Committee on Novel Foods and Processes is forcing it to label.

<http://www.gmwatch.org/archive2.asp?arcid=8160>

For the scientific evidence about the low-fat scam perpetrated on consumers, go to <http://www.wddty.com> and type "low-fat" into the search function.

ASIA

GM COTTON CULTIVATION STARTS IN BENGAL

West Bengal has started Bt cotton field trials. The article reporting this development in United News of India comments, "The cultivation of Monsanto's Bt cotton in Vidarbha - the main cotton growing belt of Maharashtra - resulted in disaster.

Literally hundreds of farmers committed suicide due to total failure of the Bt cotton crop and their resulting debts. "Vidarbha farmers" suicide toll has now crossed the 550 mark.

<http://www.lobbywatch.org/archive2.asp?arcid=8168>

INDIAN GOVT TO REVEAL DATA ON BT COTTON

As a result of Aruna Rodrigues' public interest lawsuit, the Indian government will have to place the toxicity and allergenicity data relating to Bt cotton in the public domain. The data will be placed on the website hosted by the Genetic Engineering Approval Committee (GEAC).

<http://www.gmwatch.org/archive2.asp?arcid=8163>

AFRICA

SOUTH AFRICA REJECTS THIRD GM APPLICATION

The South African GM authority has refused the ARC's application to field test GM cassava was turned down. This is the third "contained use" application turned down by the EC in the past year. Earlier, two contained use applications involving GM sorghum had been turned down on biosafety grounds.

<http://www.lobbywatch.org/archive2.asp?arcid=8201>

AMERICA

U.S. GROCERY GIANT SWITCHES TO MILK FREE OF HORMONES

One of the nation's largest retail grocery chains has announced plans to switch to milk free of GM hormones. The announcement from Kroger Co. is another blow to Monsanto, which already had been reducing inventory of its GM milk production-boosting hormone rBGH as Starbucks and other retailers rejected it.

<http://www.lobbywatch.org/archive2.asp?arcid=8176>

GENE THERAPY SAFETY IN QUESTION AGAIN

A research group led by scientists from Washington University and St Louis University has released a study showing that a GM virus used in human gene therapy trials causes liver cancer in mice. The findings follow an announcement that a patient in Seattle died after being treated with the same virus.

<http://www.gmwatch.org/archive2.asp?arcid=8152>

CANADA: GREENPEACE CARVES QUESTION MARK ON GM CROP

Greenpeace activists cut a 61-metre-long question mark inside a crop circle in an Abbotsford, British Columbia, cornfield in protest of the absence of GM food labelling in Canada.

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