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Macedonia

GMO free Macedonia Coalition Established

"GMO free Macedonia" network has been established on 1st of November in Veles (the first GMO free zone in Macedonia), on the initiative of Eco-sense from Skopje and Vila zora from Veles. On the initial meeting there were representatives from five NGOs from different municipalities and one foundation. The mission of the network is to fight against GMOs through education, change of experiences, lobbying, promotion and development of organic farming and declaring new GMO free zones. The network will have its own logo.

GM MAIZE BLOCKED IN EUROPE

Agriculture ministers from 10 EU countries have blocked approval of three GM varieties of maize for use on the European market. Austria, Malta, Poland, Hungary, Slovenia, Greece, Latvia, Lithuania and Luxembourg voted against, while France and Italy abstained, ensuring a deadlock. Britain, Germany, the Netherlands and Sweden led the group of GM crop supporters.

<http://www.gmwatch.org/archive2.asp?arcid=8326>

Eco-test finds GMOs in soy products including baby food and organics

This is the result of a test carried out by the German magazine "Focus". 33 soy products were tested (3 packages of each product). In two thirds of all products tested there was at least one package per product that contained GMOs. The highest value was found in powder food for babies with cow milk allergy.

http://www.focus.de/gesundheit/ernaehrung/news/oekotest_aid_133726

GM CONTAMINATION IN GERMANY

German authorities have found genetically modified rapeseed (canola) in conventional crops. Consignments from the company Deutsche Saatgutveredlung were found to contain Bayer's seeds tolerant to the herbicide glufosinate. About 1500 hectares have already been planted with the GM crops. The origin of the contamination is unclear.

<http://www.gmwatch.org/archive2.asp?arcid=8288>

GM BAN IN FRANCE CONFIRMED

France has announced a ban on MON810 (Bt) corn, the only GM crop being grown in France. French President Nicolas Sarkozy said he would suspend the planting of GM pest-resistant crops until the results of an appraisal of the issue later this year or early in 2008.

<http://www.gmwatch.org/archive2.asp?arcid=8424>

<http://www.gmwatch.org/archive2.asp?arcid=8429>

AUSTRIA DEFEATS EU IN GM WAR

The EU has failed to persuade enough member states to lift an Austrian ban on MON810 and T25, two varieties of GM maize produced by Monsanto and Bayer, leaving a final decision to its executive arm, the Commission. According to Daniel Kapp from the Austrian environment ministry, the green light for cultivation of GM products would damage GM-free agricultural production. "When it comes to smoking, we protect non-smokers against those who smoke," Mr Kapp said, adding, "the same concept should be applied to cultivation of GMOs."

<http://www.gmwatch.org/archive2.asp?arcid=84353>

ROMANIA: GM CROPS UNEARTHED

Greenpeace has launched a major attack against the production and marketing of GM crops in Romania. It discovered illegal plantations of GM soya and corn over 110 hectares in Braila, 200 km east of capital Bucharest. Both soya and corn seeds used in Braila were produced by Monsanto. Cultivation of GM soya is illegal in the EU, and from this year, in Romania as well.

<http://www.gmwatch.org/archive2.asp?arcid=8297>

CARREFOUR WITHDRAWS GM SOY BREAD IN ROMANIA

Carrefour Romania has withdrawn from its shelves all Snack Attack products, after Greenpeace revealed that the company's bread contains GM soy but is not labelled.

<http://www.gmwatch.org/archive2.asp?arcid=8403>

ANOTHER GM CORN "LIBERATED" IN BRAZIL

Brazilian regulator CTNBio has approved another GM corn for commercial cultivation. This time it was Syngenta's Bt 11, an insect resistant variety.

<http://www.gmwatch.org/archive2.asp?arcid=8311>

U.S GM SUGAR TO HIT STORES IN 2008

American Crystal, a Wyoming-based sugar company, and several other leading US sugar providers have announced they will source their sugar from GM sugar beets beginning this year to arrive in stores in 2008. US products containing GM sugar will not be labelled as such.

http://www.democracyinaction.org/dia/organizationsORG/oca/campaign.jsp?campaign_KEY=12700

