

February 9, 2001

To FDA Commissioner:

**FDA must require mandatory pm-market safety testing:** GE foods could be toxic, could cause allergic responses, could have lower nutritional value, and could compromise immune responses in consumers;

**FDA must require mandatory pre-market environmental review:** GE crops and foods could cause irreparable damage to the environment and biodiversity;

**FDA must Require mandatory labeling of GE foods:** Without mandatory labeling, neither consumers nor health professionals will know if an allergic or toxic reaction was the result of a genetically engineered food. Consumers will also be deprived of the critical knowledge they need to hold food producers liable should any of these novel foods prove hazardous.

**This "Notification" policy is an insult to consumers,** and irresponsibly ignores strong scientific evidence of numerous potential health and environmental risks of GE foods. These Rules appear to be a decision made to convenience industry at the expense of public health, consumer information, and the environment.

Sincerely,

  
Michael T. Siciliano

00D - 1598

C'533