

To Whom It May Concern:

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I am writing in order to submit comments to the FDA to require changes in the way that genetically-modified food is labeled and regulated. I have grave concerns about the potential risks of these foods, in terms of unanticipated human health problems, impacts on the natural world, and the spread of antibiotic resistance. I ask that the FDA do the following:

- **Require mandatory pre-market safety testing:** GE foods could be toxic, could cause allergic responses, could have lower nutritional value, and could compromise immune responses in consumers;
- **Require mandatory pre-market environmental review:** GE crops and foods could cause irreparable damage to the environment;
- **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.

The current "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,

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