

Dear FDA Commissioner,

I am writing to express my opposition to FDA's proposed new rule and guidance on genetically engineered (GE) foods. We oppose the agency's voluntary labeling and notification proposals in support of all the points in the citizen's petition currently before the agency (docket No. 00N-1396, and 00D-1598).

- All GE foods should be labeled so I am informed and have a choice.
- GE foods should not be assumed to be "generally recognized as safe" and should have mandatory pre-market safety testing.
- There should be a moratorium on GE foods until long-term studies show they are safe for human health and the environment.

(Additional Personal Comments:)

*By denying the consumer the right to choose GE or non-GE food, aren't you impeding the free-market process? That's Un-American!*

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RE: Docket No. 00N-1396, and 00D-1598

Deadlines:  
GMO labeling - March 19, 2001  
Pre-market Testing - April 3, 2001

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