

California Shakedown: Prop 37 could open floodgates to consumer suits

According to a report in the *Los Angeles Times*, under Prop 37, any Californian would be able to sue any seller or manufacturer of a product that contained even minute traces of genetically modified ingredients even if the manufacturer did not know this and had no reasonable expectation that it did. It's an extension of a provision enacted in a 2004 state ballot measure that opened the floodgates to individual citizens becoming professional litigants—in many cases, they didn't have to sue companies but just had to threaten them to collect sizable shakedowns.

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