

Facing threatened food security, Kenyan officials recommend lifting ban on GMOs

Due to low harvests and bans on imported grains from surrounding countries, government officials are urging the Kenyan government to lift the ban on genetically modified food. The ban on GMOs was implemented last year following a recommendation by former Public Health minister Beth Mugo in response to the scare flap stirred by the release of the rat study by French geneticist Gilles-Eric Seralini, which has since been [widely discredited](#). Government officials in parliament say that the ban is illegal because it was “simply an executive order” and “not an enforceable law.”

Tegemeo Institute, a research firm, says that the import ban on GMOs “may lead to higher prices for imported cereals that have been produced using conventional methods.” Farmers and millers in Kenya have recommended that the ban be lifted to “allow importation of GMO maize in order for consumers to enjoy affordable prices.”

Read the full, original story here: [Looming food crisis rekindles debate on GMOs](#)