

## With GM approval in Russia on the horizon, activist scientists call for 10 year moratorium

In an attempt to block the introduction of GM crops in Russian, an anti-GMO activist scientist organization is calling for a ten year moratorium on genetically modified crops. Despite scientific evidence to the contrary, the group claims that the effect of GM crops is not fully known and specialists need time to study their effects.

“At this stage, all GMOs are dangerous,” says Irina Yermakova, an anti-GMO campaigner and Vice President of the National Association for Genetic Safety. NAGS was established in 2004 with the expressed purpose of opposing GM technology. “It has been proven that in those regions and countries where there are many products containing GMO there has been a surge in oncological diseases and diabetes,” she said, adding that ten years would give scientists time to plan experiments and potentially develop new research methods.

There is no credible evidence by scientists anywhere in the world linking GMOs, which is a process and not an end product, to cancer or diabetes.

In September, the government established a “state system for registering GMOs” that will go into effect in July 2014. The order delegates the monitoring of GMOs and food products containing GMOs to various state agencies, depending on the specific uses of the products.

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