

Ex FDA official analyzes industry draft GMO labeling and 'natural' proposal

It might have enraged those in favor of mandatory GMO labeling, but a leaked document outlining the Grocery Manufacturers Association's (GMA's) ideas for a federally regulated 'voluntary' approach to this issue has been praised by one ex-FDA official.

"I think it is excellent that GMA is proposing a process to establish a labeling approach that is uniform. Having 50 different ways of regulating GMOs is both impractical and very costly to food companies and thus to consumers – so having one federal program is a good idea," said Dr. David Acheson, former FDA associate commissioner of foods Dr. David Acheson, who now heads up consultancy firm The Acheson Group.

"I think trying to get 'Natural' defined is a long shot and FDA has already pushed back on taking that one on so that may be an unrealistic part of this, but is essentially in addition to the GMO proposal which could stand alone without the 'Natural' claim component."

Read the full, original article: [Ex-FDA official praises GMA call for federal GMO labeling rules, but says asking it to define 'natural' is a long shot](#)