

Monsanto, so often demonized, is welcomed in food insecure Vietnam

In its latest show of endorsing controversial genetically modified organisms (GMOs), Vietnam is set to allow three foreign companies to plant their GMO corn varieties on a small scale even before they have approval to sell the seeds here.

Dekalb Vietnam, which operates under US mega-corporation Monsanto, Pioneer Hi-Bred Vietnam under the US's Dupont, and Syngenta of Switzerland, were licensed to carry out lab research and tests on the seeds here in 2011.

The results of that research are currently being examined by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, which will have the final say on approving their sale in the country.

The companies also late last year received the endorsement of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, which announced that their worm- and weed killer-resistant varieties are environmentally friendly.

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