

## France passes decree banning planting of GM maize

France has published a decree to prevent the planting of modified maize as a stop-gap measure, while the government works on changes to domestic and European laws to ensure a longer-term ban.

This marks the third attempt by the French government at attempting to institute a new ban on genetically modified maize (corn) after having had similar measures struck down at a senior court.

The government said its decree would come into force following a three-week consultation period that runs to March 9. Annual sowing of maize in France gets under way in the second half of March.

“We need to give a legal framework to those countries that do not wish to see GM maize grown,” French Agriculture Minister Stephane Le Foll told France Inter radio on Sunday.

France is turning to the idea of letting each EU country decide on whether to approve GMO crops, a solution previously blocked by member states but which the EU Commission has said it will revive.

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