

## Agriculture official speaks out against GM ban in Vietnam

Deputy Minister of Planning and Investment Dang Huy Dong last week said the ministry had worked with the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development about genetically-modified (GM) production in Vietnam.

“We will ban GM animal production and will likely allow GM crop production in the new Law on Investment,” he said.

An official from the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development’s (MARD) Department of Crop Production told VIR that GM crop production should not be banned in Vietnam.

The official, who declined to be named, said the ban on GM crop production in Vietnam was unreasonable, as it would go against Decree 69/2010/ND-CP, passed on June 21, 2010, on bio-safety for GM organisms and the National Assembly Standing Committee’s Seed Ordinance 15/2004/PL-UBTVQH11. These two documents outlined the development of GM crops in Vietnam.

According to the MPI, GM crop production was proposed to be included in the draft amendment to the list of eight sectors banned from business and investment in Vietnam, outlined in the draft new Law on Investment, which is expected to be adopted this November.

“GM crops are hugely advantageous to farmers and enterprises,” the official said.

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