

Proposed Costa Rican GMO moratorium prompts worried letter from U.S. ambassador

The United States is expressing its concern over a proposed 15-year moratorium on the cultivation of genetically modified crops and seed, known as GMOs, working its way through Costa Rica's Legislative Assembly.

Especially concerning to the U.S. is that the bill, known as Draft Law 19477, is receiving the support of Costa Rica's Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAG).

The US's concern was expressed in a May 26 letter sent to Costa Rica's Minister of Foreign Trade, Alexander Mora by Ambassador Darci L. Vetter, the US's chief agricultural negotiator. The letter was obtained and published by the daily *La Nacion* on Friday, May 29.

"I am writing to raise a serious matter for your urgent attention regarding efforts in Costa Rica to impose a moratorium on cultivation of agricultural biotechnology products," the letter begins.

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