

## Serbia bans cultivation of GMO crops

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Serbia will not allow cultivation of GMO seed on its fields, State Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture Danilo Golubovic said.

This is the official stand of the current government and it will not be changed by any law for as long as it is in office, Golubovic told Tanjug.

He noted that potential changes in the Law on GMO “could only lead towards additional strengthening of consumer safety,” and underscored that “this matter will not be realized behind the back of the public.”

Golubovic also “denied the allegations which recently appeared in the media according to which Serbia is being pressured by the EU to allow cultivation of GMO seeds,” Tanjug reported.

He noted that “another advantage for Serbia lies in the fact that the movement against GMO is growing stronger in Europe and that some countries such as Hungary have banned cultivation of the seed through their Constitution.”

Recalling that Serbia is a leader among producers of GMO-free soy, Golubovic noted that the government wishes to continue stimulating production of non-GMO soy together with the Danube Soya Organisation.

Danube Soya stands for healthy soy, which means that consumers can recognize it as controlled quality soy, i.e. non-GMO soy, he explained.

Golubovic said that such products, just like organic products, have higher market value, and noted that demanding markets such as the EU market are ready to pay more for such product.

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