

Much protested Thai bill to grow, regulate GMOs killed

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Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha on Tuesday dropped a controversial bill regulating genetically modified organisms (GMOs), saying the bill currently was unnecessary. The legislation was initiated long ago and its consideration should stop as there was no pressing need for it, the prime minister said after the cabinet's meeting on Tuesday. . .

Government spokesman Sansern Kaewkamnerd said the matter was shelved because Thailand had yet to reform its agricultural sector. The cabinet returned the bill to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, he said.

He denied that the government dropped the GMO bill because of strong opposition, Maj Gen Sansern said. . .

Last week Kasemsun and Maj Gen Sansern said the country needed the biosafety bill to regulate GMOs in local markets and control the research and study of GM crops. The government's earlier stance triggered demonstrations in over 40 provinces [in early December.]

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