

## Brazil fines major corporations for failure to label products containing GMOs

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Brazil's Ministry of Justice has fined six global food giants, including Nestlé and PepsiCo, for failing to disclose that their products contained genetically modified organisms, or GMOs, TeleSUR [reported](#) [January 7]. . .

The companies that were fined include Nestlé, PepsiCo and Mexican bakery Bimbo, TeleSUR reported. The individual fines ranged from \$277,400 to more than \$1 million, for a total of roughly \$3 million.

The fines came as a result of an inspection in 2010 by Brazil's Consumer Protection Agency which found that products from cake mix to snacks contained GMOs. Under Brazilian law, foods and ingredients must be labeled with the "transgenic" symbol if they contain genetically modified organisms.

By failing to label their products properly, those companies had violated Brazilians' consumer rights, the agency said. The companies have 10 days to file a defense, [according to](#) the Ministry of Justice.

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