Big Food companies voluntarily labeling GMO products in U.S. will not label them in Canada

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Companies planning to voluntarily label products in the U.S. containing genetically modified ingredients aren't going to follow suit in Canada.

Health Canada does not require labelling on genetically modified food because the items have been assessed for safety and nutritional adequacy. . . .

Food giant General Mills Inc. said earlier this month that it would start nationwide labelling in the U.S. on products that contain genetically modified ingredients to comply with a law that takes effect in Vermont on July 1....

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But they and several other international food companies have no plans to change their labelling practices in Canada.

Leslie Brams-Baker, corporate affairs manager for Mars Canada, said the company complies with labelling laws in Canada and other countries where its products are sold.

"We firmly believe in the safety of the GMO ingredients. Food developed through biotechnology has been studied extensively and judged safe by a broad range of regulatory agencies, scientists, health professionals, and other experts around the world," Brams-Baker wrote in an email to The Canadian Press.

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Spokespeople for Campbell Company of Canada and General Mills Canada echoed the comments while ConAgra Foods Canada did not reply to requests for comment.

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