

Canadian soybean industry asks EU to explain delay in approving GMO soy products

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The national association representing the soybean industry in Canada wants to know why the European Union is delaying approval of genetically modified soy products.

[Soy Canada](#) sent a letter to the European Commission requesting a formal explanation for the EU delay in approving three GM soy products.

In a press release, the association called on the EU to honour commitments in the Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement (CETA) negotiations.

Jim Everson, Soy Canada's Executive Director, said in a statement, "We are calling on the EU Commission to formally explain why approval of these three products is continuing to be delayed and why its commitments made in CETA negotiations are not being honoured".

Three and half months have passed since the three products were considered by the EU Appeal Committee.

Soy Canada says the three products were reviewed by the European Food Safety Authority and given a "Positive opinion" clearing them of any food, feed, or environmental concerns.

Canadian soybean producers will begin seeding this week and Everson said, "The EU is also failing to respect a commitment it made to Canada during the Canada – European Union Free Trade negotiations. We are calling on the EU Commission to formally explain why approval of these three products is continuing to be delayed and why its commitments made in CETA negotiations are not being honoured,"

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Canada and the EU will also begin formal discussions on biotechnology and trade issues at an upcoming meeting of the Canada-EU Biotechnology Dialogue, due to take place within weeks.

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