

Indian government caps companies' royalty fees for GM seeds, adds other restrictions on sales

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The Indian government has capped royalty fees payable to Monsanto Co. and other providers of genetically modified (GM) seed technology and barred them from denying a licence to any local company.

According to a notification issued on 18 May, for any GM trait commercialized in India, the technology provider cannot charge a royalty that exceeds 10% of the maximum sale price of the seeds, which is fixed by the government every year.

The cap of 10% will apply for the first five years. From the sixth year on, the royalty will decrease by 10% a year.

And the technology provider cannot refuse a licence to any eligible Indian seed company.

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