

## Debate not settled, but food companies resigned to labeling GMOs

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Vermont will not implement the nation's first state law making food labels disclose genetically engineered ingredients until July 1. But. . . some vending machines. . . already sell candy in packages that comply with the statute.

Those packages are a signal that the U.S. food lobby may have lost a long, expensive war against mandatory labeling of . . . GMOs.

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The debate will continue. But for practical purposes, it may be moot.

David Berg, chief executive of the . . . sugar beet cooperative American Crystal Sugar. . . told the Star Tribune that "it's not practical" to stop selling food in Vermont rather than label it for genetically engineered ingredients. "The reasonable thing to do," Berg said, "is what General Mills did."

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In March, shortly after the Senate declined to vote on a national ban on mandatory on-package GMO labeling, General Mills said it would label products to comply with the Vermont law . . .

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"If you fight and lose, how many times do you want to continue fighting?" [Don Kettl, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution] asked. "It costs you money and bad publicity each time."

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