

Mandatory GMO labeling bill introduced in Canadian Parliament

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An MP has tabled a new bill calling for mandatory labelling of genetically modified food, following steps taken by lawmakers south of the border.

New Democrat Pierre-Luc Dusseault introduced Bill C-291 [June 14].

He is not the first MP to put forth such a bill. Liberal, Bloc Quebecois and past NDP MPs have unsuccessfully attempted to pass similar bills.

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The tabling of Bill C-291 comes two weeks ahead of when Vermont's mandatory labelling law is set to take effect.

Starting July 1, Vermont law will require many companies using GM crops to disclose that information on labels.

"This movement that we've seen in Vermont is here in Canada too, and there's a similar push from Canadian consumers," Chopra said.

A news release issued by the NDP noted that for 10 years, surveys have shown that nearly 90 percent of Canadians support the labelling of GM food.

Read full, original post: MP calls for mandatory labelling law, echoes Vermont regulations