

Switzerland extends ban on GMO cultivation until 2021

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On [June 29], the [Swiss] cabinet approved changes to the law on genetic engineering that would set in motion the extension of the GMO ban until 2021. The current moratorium would end in 2017 and the government acknowledges that more time and debate is required on the use of GMOs in Swiss agriculture.

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Currently the government only allows genetically modified crop field trials on a case-by-case basis under strict conditions. . . .

However, in [June 29]'s decision, the cabinet included an amendment to the law on genetically engineering that envisages the creation of GMO zones in certain parts of the country after 2021.

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The goal is to separate GMO crops from conventional agricultural throughout the production chain and secure greater acceptance for the coexistence of GMO and traditional agriculture in the country. . .

"There is no real need for GMOs in Swiss agriculture for the moment. But this option should not be wiped out for the future," Anne-Gabrielle Wust Saucy, head of the biotechnology section of the Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN). . .

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