

## President Obama ready to sign GMO labeling bill if passed by House

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The White House plans to support legislation creating a national labeling standard for foods containing GMOs even though consumer groups criticize the bill for allowing information to live behind special codes, and for allowing an exemption for meat and eggs.

“While there is broad consensus that foods from genetically engineered crops are safe, we appreciate the bipartisan effort to address consumers’ interest in knowing more about their food, including whether it includes ingredients from genetically engineered crops,” White House spokeswoman Katie Hill said . . . “We look forward to tracking its progress in the House and anticipate the President would sign it in its current form.”

The Senate-passed labeling bill, S. 764, is to be taken up in the House this week. The chairman of the [House Agriculture Committee](#), Republican Mike Conaway of Texas, has signaled his approval, making it more likely the proposal will pass the chamber and end up on Obama’s desk.

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Under the legislation, the USDA has two years to write rules, which will take time because of complexity within food production.

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