

Russia bans cultivation of GMO crops, animals

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On July 3, 2016, President Putin signed Federal Law 358-FZ These amendments prohibit cultivation of genetically engineered plants and breeding of genetically engineered animals on the territory of the Russian Federation, strengthen state control and monitoring of processing and imports of GE organisms and products derived from such organisms and set penalties for violations of this federal law.

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Federal Law 358 does not ban imports of GE organisms for scientific research, although industry analysts have indicated that they believe research will cease because the scientific community will not be interested in conducting expensive research without prospects for commercialization.

Federal Law 358 does not ban imports of GE organisms and products (for food and feed use) if they are already registered for food and feed use in Russia. However, Federal Law 358 provides that the Russian controlling agencies may ban imports of products if they find a threat to the environment, people, or animals, or if they determine that the imported product(s) are not registered in Russia.

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