South Korea rejects shipment of Argentine wheat after traces of GMOs detected

South Korea rejected a shipment of Argentine feed wheat after finding unapproved strains of genetically modified organisms (GMO) in the cargo, the agriculture ministry said on [July 26].

Seoul bans the entry of unapproved GMOs, defined as living modified organisms (LMO) under bio safety regulations.

In 2013, South Korean millers suspended imports of U.S. wheat after the discovery of an unapproved strain of genetically modified wheat in the United States.

"After testing 72,450 tonnes of feed wheat cargoes imported from Argentina on July 12, an unapproved strain of LMO was detected and we asked to discard or send all back," the ministry said in a statement.

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In Buenos Aires, a grains export company executive said there is no GMO wheat cultivated in Argentina.

"So it must have been something left in the hold of the ship from a previous cargo," said the executive, who asked not to be identified.

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