

South Korea debates GMO labeling requirements

Seoul Metropolitan Government launched South Korea's first "zero-GMO markets" in Sept. 2015. It was a plan to sell only non-genetically modified agricultural, fishing, and livestock products and processed foods

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A year later, those markets are in danger of losing their "zero-GMO" signboards. In April, the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS) issued an administrative notice of plans to amend some of the labeling standards for GMO food products. Included in them were provisions that would prevent the use of the term "non-GMO" on agricultural products and processed foods not subject to GMO labeling.

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... "If the amendment does go into effect, we plan to take down the signs advertising them as 'zero-GMO markets,'" [said a city government official.]

Consumer co-ops and civic groups were up in arms over the plan, arguing that consumers "have a right to know" about GMOs. Thirty lawmakers. . . sponsored an amendment to the Food Sanitation Act in June that would beef up full GMO labeling requirements.

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... "As of now, nothing has been decided," [said a ministry official.]

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