

Mexico revokes Monsanto permit to develop GMO soybean seeds in 7 states

Agriculture sanitation authority Senasica has revoked a permit held by Monsanto to commercialize genetically modified soy in seven Mexican states.

The agency said the company had not complied with biosecurity controls and failed to prevent risks that the genetically modified organisms (GMO) pose to the environment.

The decision came after transgenic soybeans cultivated by Monsanto were detected outside areas authorized for sowing of the genetically-modified seeds, causing what Senasica described as “serious or irreversible damage to the environment.”

Environmental organizations, indigenous collectives and other activist groups had alerted authorities to the presence of the crops in unauthorized areas.

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The ruling applies to Tamaulipas, San Luis Potosí, Veracruz, Chiapas, Campeche, Yucatán and Quintana Roo, where the company had been authorized to operate since 2012.

In a prepared statement, Monsanto said that the permit had been revoked on unwarranted legal and technical grounds and called the decision unjustified.

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Courts have also blocked Monsanto from growing corn in Mexico due to fears surrounding the effect genetically modified maize would have on the environment and local producers.

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