

Ireland reaffirms ban on GMO crop cultivation, citing status as 'green, sustainable food producer'

The Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment, Denis Naughten, has secured Cabinet approval to enable Ireland to prohibit or restrict the cultivation of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) in Ireland.

The decision was announced [Tuesday, July 10], after Minister Naughten proposed the EU directive to [the] Cabinet.

Announcing the Cabinet's decision [Tuesday, July 10], Minister Naughten said:

This is a very significant development; I believe it is critically important that Ireland takes whatever steps are necessary to maintain our GMO cultivation-free status, which is a **key element** of our international reputation as a green, sustainable food producer.

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Commenting on business sectors where the use of GMOs is vitally important, the minister said:

It is important to note that the transposition affects only the cultivation of 'live' GMOs in this country. It has no implications for other sectors of our economy where GMO products play a vital role, such as in the bio-technology and pharmaceutical sectors and in food and feed.

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