

US farmers to plant new biotech soybeans as DowDuPont receives final international regulatory approval

DowDuPont Inc has won the final international regulatory approval needed, from the Philippines, for a global launch of a new line of genetically engineered soybeans, the company said on [February 21].

The approval means seed companies can sell the soybeans, named Enlist E3, to farmers for planting as early as this spring without worrying about taking extra steps to keep the harvests out of export markets.

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Biotech seed makers seek approval from importers before launching new products because countries can reject shipments of unapproved varieties.

The Philippines issued new regulations for genetically modified products such as Enlist in 2016, and the process involves input from more government officials. Some applications can take years to process.

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Developed with Iowa-based MS Technologies, Enlist E3 is the first soybean genetically modified to withstand sprays from three popular weed chemicals – 2,4-D, glyphosate and glufosinate.

U.S. farmers and seed sellers have been waiting for the Philippines to approve imports of Enlist E3 since China, the world's top soybean buyer, cleared the product in January. The Philippines last year was the top buyer of processed U.S. soymeal, used primarily to feed livestock.

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