

## Chinese import restrictions block Brazil's access to latest GMO crops

Brazil Foreign Minister Ernesto Araujo said on [April 25] that the country must work with China to reduce non-tariff barriers to agriculture trade, including improving the process for genetically modified goods.

Brazil is the world's largest exporter of soybeans, the vast majority of which are genetically modified organisms (GMO). Many newer GMOs, however, are not used in Brazil because they are not approved for sale in China, the largest customer for the Brazilian farm sector.

"Brazil's private sector can only effectively use new technologies with the importation authorization by the Chinese biosecurity committee," Araujo said at an event on Brazil-China cooperation in the farm sector. "It is necessary to better fine-tune the approval of Brazilian GMOs by the Chinese government."

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