

Thailand, home to early crop biotech research, proposes strict GMO safety, labeling rules

Thailand has drafted a new set of regulations for comments, targeting food and food products containing or consisting of genetically modified organisms (GMOs)

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[T]he Thai FDA said that this measure was being put into place 'in order to ensure the high level of protection of human health and consumer's concerns while providing fair marketing?'.?

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According to Kasetsart University Department of Agricultural and Research Economics Assistant Professor Orachos Napisintuwong, "Thailand was one of the first countries in the region to develop biotechnology industries, [such as with] the establishment of the National Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (BIOTEC) in 1983, and the first field trials of GM [Flavr Savr] tomato in 1994,"? she wrote on the Food and Fertilizer Technology for APAC site.

"Nevertheless, at present, Thailand still has not approved any commercialization of GM crops for cultivation, and all open field trials of GM crops were banned after 2001."?

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