

## Farmers in the Philippines blocked from commercially releasing GMO Golden Rice and eggplant by 10-day Supreme Court ruling

Genetically modified rice and eggplant products will remain off the market after the Supreme Court (SC) issued a writ in favor of farmers and scientists who sought to stop the government from commercially releasing the products.

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In its petition, the Masipag alleged that the golden rice and the *Bacillus thuringiensis* Eggplant (Bt Eggplant) are genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and are cause for environmental concern.

GMOs are under heavy debate by those weighing their negative impacts on biodiversity and their being cost-friendly to needy farmers.

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The petitioners want all biosafety permits for Golden Rice and Bt Eggplant nullified and voided.

They also sought independent risk and impact assessments, secure prior and informed consent of farmers and indigenous peoples and ensure liability mechanisms in case of damage as required by law.

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