

# **NEWS RELEASE: It Is Past Time To Speak Out Against GMOs - Demand GMO Food Labeling**

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**This NHF petition will let American and Canadian voices be heard by their governments and the Codex Committee on Labeling.**

Does the consumer have the right to know what he is eating, especially when it comes to genetically-modified organisms (GMOs)?

The National Health Federation, along with its NHF-Canada branch, vehemently knows that consumers do have that right, and is demanding the adoption of an international standard of full disclosure, on labels, of the presence of any genetically-modified ingredients in all food products.

With GMOs already in 60-70% of American foods for the last seven years or more, public concerns have been elevated by the recent discovery of a microscopic pathogen associated with Monsanto's Roundup Ready corn and soy, which is causing spontaneous abortions and infertility in livestock. Experts warn this pathogen threatens to destroy the entire U.S. corn and soy export markets. Despite this warning being conveyed to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, the FDA approved the use of GMO alfalfa two weeks later.

More than worrying, as well, is the exposure of billionaire Bill Gates' involvement, through the Gates Foundation's Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), in the promotion of Monsanto's GMO seeds to developing nations as a "solution" to World hunger. Interestingly, when Monsanto gifted earthquake-devastated Haiti with tons of Roundup Ready corn and vegetable seed, Haitian farmers organized a march, accepted the seed, and proceeded to burn every last sack of it.

Meanwhile, the long-term effects on the animals being fed GMOs is unclear; and GMO-fed animals invariably end up in our food supply, where no studies have proven the safety of GMOs. In fact, copious research is emerging that shows that serious damage can and will be done to humans by the consumption of GMO foods. Additionally, since natural pollination does not respect fences, there is no way to stop the spread of GMOs from field to field, and thus to our family's dinner table. Also, many think that the bees and butterflies (Monarchs in particular) are detrimentally affected by their contact with GMO crops and flowers.

It is apparent that our mutual governments (U.S. and Canada) are supporting Monsanto's commercial interests, rather than heeding the warnings of international authorities and the pleas of their electors to stop the insanity of spreading toxic GMO crops around the World. That makes it critical for consumers to have the minimal

protection of foreknowledge that what they are about to serve for dinner could harm them.

As the only internationally-accredited, health-freedom organization able to participate in Codex proceedings, the NHF is the sole voice of the health-freedom-interested consumer at meetings of Codex Alimentarius committees. The NHF has consistently, and harshly, spoken out against GMOs and specifically addressed the U.S. Codex delegates concerning the U.S. FDA's stated comment that consumers do not need GMO labeling as it would only confuse them and they would then make incorrect food choices.

Prior to the upcoming May 2011 meeting of the Codex Committee on Food Labelling, to be held in Quebec City, Canada, the NHF will be presenting legislatures in both countries with petitions the public is now invited to sign. The petitions will also be presented to both the Canadian and American delegations. Both delegations are currently ignoring the wishes of the people, despite polls showing that **more than 90%** of North Americans are in solidarity, demanding their right to know what goes into their food.

Governments may attempt to turn a deaf ear, but recent events have proven that when people speak in unison to demand their rights, mountains can be moved.

The NHF and NHF-Canada invite both Americans and Canadians to voice their concerns and their demand for full disclosure, both to their governments, and to the Codex Committee on Food Labelling.

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