



GM cultivation free Poland - Government has imposed a ban on GM potato and maize cultivation

On January 2nd Polish Government approved two important ordinances banning cultivation of two GM crops: MON 810 maize of US Monsanto and Amflora potato of German BASF. The latest, extensively amended Seed Act made possible issuing these bans and this way Poland is joining other EU Member states not allowing GM cultivation, among them Austria, Germany, France, Greece, Hungary and Luxemburg, following the public demand. Proper implementation and monitoring of this ban will discourage farmers from buying GM crops and allow Poland to be a country without GM cultivation.

We can be satisfied that our joint action and intense public debate on genetically modified crops in Poland have concluded in accordance with expectations of the public and President of Poland as well as official promises of Polish Government.

Now time has come for next motion, expressed by President of Poland lately – proposal of a new GMO Act prepared with a wide public consultations. We are appealing to Polish Prime Minister to oblige Minister of Environment to initiate work on new GMO Act which will fully implement all EU regulations in this field, which is also an expectation of the European Commission.

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