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Re Genetically Engineered Foods

All GE foods should be labeled as such and a moratorium should be placed on all new GE foods until studies on the impact on health and environment have been made.

GE foods can cause health hazards and therefore should not be given a GRAS rating. Of particular concern is allergic reaction. For example, peanut allergy is common. Those with food allergies must rely on avoidance of offending foods for their health safety. Unlabeled GE foods puts them at risk for ill-health. In some instances, eating some foods is life-threatening.

Organic crops can be contaminated by drift from fields where GE crops are grown, so that foods that are considered safe to eat may not be free of GE substances and so can put consumers at risk.

Please give more serious consideration to the production and marketing of GE foods and their impact on consumers.

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