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U..S. Government,
Division of Docket Management
(HFA-305) Food and Drug Administration
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U.S.A.

Dear Sirs,

Re: Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

I write on behalf of Winkfield Womens' Institute.

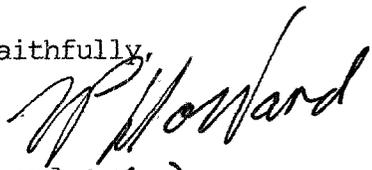
Members are concerned that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have released draft guidance in late November last year acknowledging that experimental GM crops, which have not been approved for human consumption, could potentially contaminate food crops.

It is almost impossible to test for the presence of experimental GM material in foods imported or processed in the U.S., because more than two thirds of experimental GM crops grown in US contain genes classified as confidential and are therefore undetectable. This will have serious consequences for both food companies wishing to avoid such contamination and Governments carrying out checks on imports.

In essence these experimental crops from U.S. could end up in the EU food supply chain.

This proposal means that US biotech and food companies could export food products contaminated with experimental, potentially hazardous GM traits without fear of recalls or other liability.

Winkfield W.I. members are only a small section of the Womens' Institute. We have some half a million members throughout Great Britain, all of whom greatly object to the above.

Yours faithfully,

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