

P-04-583 Ban all Growing and Selling of all GM seeds / Foods and Animal / Fish Feed in Wales – Correspondence from the Petitioner to the Clerking Team, 30.10.14.

Dear Kayleigh,

Please see my response to Rebecca Evans, Deputy Minister for Farming and Food dated October 23rd 2014:

It's very encouraging to see that the Welsh Government has a long standing restrictive and precautionary approach to GM crop cultivation, that it admits that there remains no consensus on a range of issues such as animal and human health, environmental issues or socio economic issues and that a broader and more holistic evaluation of GMO's should be undertaken before they are approved.

Given this I fail to see how the Welsh Government can or should agree with the FSA's view that GM feed "represents any more risk to farmed livestock than conventional feed and that food from animals fed on authorised GM crops is considered as safe as food from animals fed on non GM crops". Given that humans often eat animals that are fed with GM feed and that animal health is also obviously an issue, it seems obvious that it makes no sense to follow the FSA's advice given the other statements made by the Welsh Government as seen in the letter. The letter from the Minister for Farming and Food on behalf of the Welsh Governemnt therefore seems confused and contradictory. As demonstrated in my earlier reply there is an abundance of evidence from a wide variety of sources that GM is a danger to short and long term human and environmental health and is also ethically wrong and environmentally dangerous. Either the Welsh Government takes a precautionary approach to GM/GE/GMO or it doesn't is how I would summarise my points,

Maybe the Minister could clarify her position further on this crucial precautionary issue,

Thanks again,
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