



OECD List of Varieties Eligible for Seed Certification

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During the past five years, several National Designated Authorities (NDAs) of the OECD schemes for certification have been requesting that the GM status of a variety should be indicated on the OECD list of cultivars, in order to facilitate communication between NDAs and to ensure that national legislation regarding GM varieties is complied with.

In order to take into account commercial practices and to facilitate the communication between NDAs, ISF will now accept the indication that a variety is a GM variety on the OECD list of varieties, for internal governmental use.

However, ISF lays stress that it considers that when a GM variety has been approved for commercial release, it should be treated as any other variety.

Therefore, ISF remains strongly opposed to the compulsory labelling of GM varieties for international seed certification and marketing. However, if countries for various reasons require compulsory labelling of GM varieties, ISF members will comply with this requirement if they choose to market such seed in that country.