

The petition letter submitted by over six hundred individuals from different fields and locations in China to the State Council Legislative Affairs Office regarding revisions proposed by the Ministry of Agriculture to their "Agricultural GMOs Safety Evaluation Administration Methods"

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State Council Legislation Office:

Core Points

1) The Ministry of Agriculture's "Agricultural GMOs Safety Evaluation Administration Method" and implementation by the Ministry has not assured us that GMOs developed abroad or within China are safe. On the contrary, the "Safety Certificate" offered by the Ministry that states GMOs "do not present a danger to mankind, animals, plants, microbes and the ecological environment," in fact has allowed Monsanto's glyphosate-tolerant GM soy, maize and canola products, which do cause systematic harm "to mankind, animals, plants, microbes and the ecological environment," to flood the Chinese market in large scale!

2) The Ministry of Agriculture and the China Disease Control & Prevention Center have both colluded with Monsanto, who has provided them with "fake samples, carried out false tests, and falsified safety conclusions." The Ministry of Agriculture and the China Disease Control & Prevention Center, in partnership with Monsanto, have cheated the Chinese government and Chinese people, have seriously violated the State Council's "Agricultural GMOs Safety Administration Regulation," and are hereby alleged to have committed the "crime of endangering public security with dangerous

methods"!

3) As a State Party to the United Nation's Convention on Biodiversity and its Cartagena Biosafety Protocol, China should strictly implement these legally binding international documents. On the issue of GMO food safety, the Cartagena Biosafety Protocol stipulates, "Lack of scientific certainty due to insufficient relevant scientific information and knowledge regarding the extent of the potential adverse effects of a living modified organism on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity in the Party of import, taking also into account risks to human health, shall not prevent that Party from taking a decision, as appropriate, with regard to the import of the living modified organism in question as referred to in paragraph 3 above, in order to avoid or minimize such potential adverse effects." The above described facts prove that the Ministry of Agriculture has blatantly violated these stipulations of the Protocol.

4) We must therefore perform a cancer-like surgery: first, investigate the extent of the collusion between officials in the Ministry of Agriculture and Monsanto in cheating the Chinese government and the Chinese People; second, carry out a shakeup and reorganization of the leadership of the ministry; and third, establish new leadership with a clear understanding that ecological agriculture is the only correct sustainable development direction for China's agriculture. Only after establishing such a new leadership, and not before, can we make the necessary revision to the ministry's "Agricultural GMOs Safety Evaluation Administration Method" in accordance with the principle of giving top priority to the continuous safety, health, survival and reproduction of the Chinese nation!

5) Furthermore, we cannot exclude the possibility that GMOs could very likely be used by overseas evil forces as a means of bio-warfare, causing massive safety danger, therefore the agricultural GMO issue also is a major issue concerning bio-defense. Therefore, the agricultural GMO issue is no longer an issue that can be regulated, supervised and administrated by one government department, such as the Ministry of Agriculture, but must be regulated, supervised and administrated by a special agency of the National Security Council. This special agency should be formed by members of the National Security Council, military medical research institutions undertaking bio-defense tasks, biochemical warfare tasks, and specialists carrying out research in agricultural GMOs,

inspection and quarantine, public health, environment protection etc.

On April 27, 2015, the Ministry of Agriculture issued a notification inviting public opinion to revisions proposed by the Ministry to the Ministry's "Agriculture GMO Safety Evaluation Administration Method."

1. The decisive inspection standard to judge the Ministry of Agriculture's "Agriculture GMO Safety Evaluation Administration Method" and its implementation by the Ministry

The State Council's "Agriculture GMO Safety Administration Regulation" is the legislative basis for the Ministry of Agriculture to formulate and revise the Ministry's Agriculture GMO Safety Evaluation Administration Method.

The State Council's regulation emphasizes: "Agricultural GMO safety stated by this regulation is intended to prevent the danger or potential danger caused by GMOs to mankind, animals and plants, microbes and the ecological environment."

The most critical "safety evaluation" condition stipulated by the State Council's regulation for issuing "safety certificates" to domestic/overseas agricultural GMOs is:

" (3) Upon being tested by agricultural GMO technology inspection institutions, it has been confirmed that they do not pose a danger to humans, animals, plants, microbes and the ecological environment."

Regarding imported GMOs, the State Council regulation also stipulated:

"(1) The exporting country or region has already approved for corresponding use and entered the market;

"(2) The exporting country or region has, through scientific tests, proved they are harmless to humans, animals, plants, microbes and the ecological environment."

Therefore, these three points are also the decisive inspection standards to be used to judge the Ministry of Agriculture's "Agriculture GMO Safety Evaluation Administration Method" and its implementation by the Ministry along with problems that may exist and the type of revisions to be made.

2. Among the large scale GM crops, 84% are glyphosate- tolerant crops containing glyphosate residues!

From International Online reports [1], "Among these crops, 57% are glyphosate-tolerant GM crops, 16% are insect-resistance GM maize and cotton, another 27% are multiple-stack GM with both these traits."

This means, the glyphosate-tolerant GM crops, sprayed with glyphosate-based herbicides and containing glyphosate residues, account for 84% of GM crops grown worldwide.

[1] International Online (Beijing), Argentina has become the world's third largest GM crop growing nation, 2014-10-11

<http://world.people.com.cn/n/2014/1011/c157278-25812909.html>

3. Glyphosate-tolerant GM soybean, with glyphosate residues, is the GM ingredient consumed the most by Chinese consumers.

For a number of years, China has annually imported over 50 - 70 million tons of glyphosate-tolerant GM soybeans. Most are first chemically extracted into GM soybean food oil and its byproduct, soybean meal. The GM soybean meal is partly processed into animal feed, and partly into chemically extracted GM soybean protein powder, which is then added to sausages, ham, frozen food, soybean milk powder, biscuits, cakes, bread, and even added to wheat flour and infant formula milk powder.

In addition, GM soybean ingredients have been tested and glyphosate residues have been detected in soy sauce, soy paste, Tofu etc. Soybeans and soy products are **the GM ingredient consumed the most by Chinese consumers.**

4. In addition to GM fragments, the glyphosate residue contained in GM soybeans is the ingredient causing major harm to human health.

Many more studies reveal harm caused by glyphosate residue to animal/human health, although a few studies reveal that GM fragments also cause harm to animal/human health.

From what has been discussed above:

1) Among the harm caused by GM food ingredients to the health of Chinese consumers, the glyphosate residue contained in the glyphosate-tolerant soybeans causes the greatest harm!

2) Accordingly, to examine the greatest harm caused by GM food to the Chinese consumers, shouldn't the truth about how Monsanto's Roundup herbicide obtained its "pesticide registration" in 1988 in China be clarified, and the truth about how Monsanto's RR soybean 40-3-2 and maize NK603 obtained their "safety certificate" from the Chinese Ministry of Agriculture?

5. During the process whereby Monsanto obtained the "pesticide registration" for Roundup in 1988, Monsanto cheated the Chinese

government and Chinese people in four aspects: [[Attachment 1: Chinese](#)] [Attachment 1: English version]

5.1 In the first aspect, Monsanto purposely did not inform the Chinese Ministry of Agriculture about the patent of glyphosate as a chelator, which causes systematic harm to the health of the soil, microbes, crops, animals and humans!

5.2 In the second aspect, Monsanto in 1988 did not inform the Chinese Ministry of Agriculture that the US EPA in 1985 had classified glyphosate as a possible carcinogen to humans!

5.3 In the third aspect, Monsanto purposely did not provide long-term, lifetime and three-generation study reports revealing the carcinogenicity of glyphosate.

5.4 In the fourth aspect, Monsanto purposely submitted a Roundup "toxicology test report issued by Younger Laboratories on Dec. 23, 1985" in which it is seriously suspected, from the date, to signature to content, are all outright fraud.

The legal responsibility alleged "using dangerous methods to harm public security" by Monsanto, the officials and public position scholars, must be investigated!

6. Thirteen studies by Chinese conscience scholars reveal that glyphosate damages protein and lipids, causes cell apoptosis and necrosis, shows obvious damage to liver cells, is mutagenic, causes reproductive toxicity, and has strong ability to cause birth defects! [[Attachment 2: Chinese](#)] [Attachment 2: English version]

7. Forty six studies by overseas scholars found that glyphosate or glyphosate formulated herbicides cause cell toxicity, DNA damage, teratogenic, mutagenic, and reproductive toxicity, along with miscarriage! [[Attachment 3: Chinese](#)] [Attachment 3: English version]

8. Seventeen studies show evidence that glyphosate is an Endocrine Disrupting Chemical (EDC). The Ministry of Agriculture and the China Disease Prevention & Control Center (China CDC) continue to use the out of date "dosage decides toxicity" concept of traditional toxicology, purposely ignoring that chemicals like glyphosate and

other EDCs, at very low level cause harm to a series of hormone systems of humans, causing life-long systematic harm in many aspects! [[Attachment 4: Chinese](#)] [Attachment 4: English version]

Vandenberg LN et al. (2012) stresses, “For decades, studies of endocrine-disrupting chemicals (EDCs) have challenged traditional concepts in toxicology, in particular the dogma of “the dose makes the poison,” because EDCs can have effects at low doses that are not predicted by effects at higher doses. Thus, fundamental changes in chemical testing and safety determination are needed to protect human health.”

The US EPA on April 14 2009 announced the preliminary list of chemicals to be screened for endocrine-disrupting potential, which includes glyphosate.

9. During the process of obtaining the "safety certificate" for glyphosate-tolerant GM soybean 40-3-2 and maize NK603, the leaders of the Ministry of Agriculture, China CDC and Monsanto colluded internally and externally. They used "fake samples, falsified tests, and made false safety conclusions" to cheat the Chinese government and Chinese people. We must investigate the legal responsibility based on the allegation of "using dangerous methods to harm public security" by Monsanto, the officials and public position scholars. [[Attachment 5: Chinese](#)]

10. When Monsanto applied for the “safety certificate for glyphosate-tolerant GM soybeans and maize, Monsanto purposely did not inform the Ministry of Agriculture that glyphosate is a powerful, wide-spectrum biocide/antibiotic. [[Attachment 13: Chinese](#)]

Monsanto on August 29, 2003 submitted its patent application (US 20040077608 A1 made public on April 22, 2004) to the USA Patent Office for glyphosate as a powerful wide-spectrum biocide/antibiotic capable of killing a few hundred kinds of microbes in animal and human gut flora. But, in 2004 when Monsanto submitted its application documents for a "safety certificate" for its glyphosate-tolerant GM soybean and maize, it did not inform the Ministry that glyphosate was also a powerful wide-spectrum biocide/antibiotic.

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suitable"

Glyphosate-tolerant crops, promoted by Monsanto worldwide, are processed into "pharmaceutically acceptable vehicles" via a great variety of foods carrying glyphosate residues into the mouths of hundreds of millions of people. This has been a crime intentionally created, most widely spread, continued for the longest period time, resulting in the most serious antibiotic-resistance consequences from such a powerful wide-spectrum biocide/antibiotic!

11. When Monsanto applied for the "Safety Certificate" for their glyphosate-tolerant soybean in 2003, Monsanto purposely did not inform the Ministry of Agriculture that glyphosate residue is acaricide, arthropodicide, insecticide, molluscicide, rodenticide!
[\[Attachment 14: Chinese\]](#)

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The "dosage" listed by the patent documents: "It includes use in mammal and humans, by injection, orally, anally, intravenously, intramuscular. Generally a dosage of as little as about 1-2 milligram (mg) per kilogram (kg) of body weight is suitable."

Glyphosate-tolerant crops, promoted by Monsanto worldwide, are processed into "pharmaceutically acceptable vehicles" via a great variety of foods, including infant formula products with added chemically extracted GM soybean food oil and protein powder, without knowledge that the contained glyphosate residues are also acaricide, arthropodicide, insecticide, molluscicide, rodenticide!

12. The Ministry of Agriculture officials, colluding with Monsanto, rapidly approved the "Safety Certificates" for insect-resistant soybean MON87701 and double stacked insect-resistant/glyphosate-tolerant soybean MON87701×MON89788 (Intacta RR2) . This is a violation, having been granted without sufficient safety testing, and, as revealed by overseas media reports, the rapid approval of MON87701×MON89788 (Intacta RR2) was to help Monsanto save 600 thousand bags of such seeds.

Evidence:

Wall Street Journal - Dow Jones news April 9, 2012 "Brazil soy group warns farmers against using new Monsanto seed" reports:

http://www.agriculture.com/news/business/brazil-soy-group-warns-farmers-against_5-ar26172?print

"The soybean variety, Intacta RR2 Pro, hasn't been approved in China, where more than two-thirds of Brazil's exports of the oilseed are shipped. Mato Grosso state soybean and corn producers' association Aprosoja said in a statement Monday that farmers using Intacta RR2 seeds could accidentally contaminate shipments of approved soybean varieties, putting exports to China at risk of being refused.

"Monsanto responded Tuesday, saying the company hasn't allowed commercial sales of Intacta RR2 in Brazil and won't do so until all of the country's main export markets approve it. A stockpile of 600,000 sacks of the seeds, which Monsanto had produced based on the belief that China could approve Intacta RR2 "at any time," will be destroyed, the firm added."

This again proves that the real reason why the Ministry of Agriculture "lightening approves" the import of double stack MON87701×MON89788 (Intacta RR2) was to save Monsanto's 600,000 bags of seeds, obviously is an alleged crime of "using dangerous methods to harm public safety." Its legal responsibility must be investigated!

In order to avoid public awareness of the harm of this double stacked soybean, the Ministry of Agriculture refuses to disclose the "food safety" toxicology animal test report for this GM soybean. [[Attachment 6:](#)

[Chinese\]](#)

13. "GM agricultural product safety management" and "GM food safety management" is essentially different. The Ministry of Agriculture is not responsible for "GM food safety management," did not approve the production and sales of GM soybean food oil, but makes great effort to stop education bureaus in various regions and parents' efforts in refusing toxic harmful chemically extracted GM soybean food oil in the schools!

The "GM food hygiene management method" implemented on July 1 2002 stipulates:

Article 3. GM food as a type of new resource food, must receive examination and approval from the Ministry of Health before production or import. GM food products without examination and approval by the Ministry of Health are not allowed to be produced or imported, and are not allowed to be used as food or food materials.

Article 5. The food safety and nutrition quality of GM food products should not be lower than the corresponding original food products.

The Ministry of Health government disclosure application response issued on Nov. 18 2011 confirms that they have "never accepted or approved" applications to process food oil from the Monsanto glyphosate-tolerant GM soybean 40-3-2 nor such applications to process them by chemical extraction process. [[Attachment 7: Chinese](#)]

The Ministry of Agriculture government disclosure application response issued on June 27 2014 confirms that they have not evaluated nor approved the production and sales of food oil and soybean protein powder processed from Monsanto glyphosate-tolerant GM soybeans. [[Attachment 8: Chinese](#)]

Lunch for primary school and middle school students in Beijing are "nutrition lunches" paid for by the government. After learning that the "nutrition lunches" for primary school and middle school students in Beijing all are cooked with chemically extracted GM soybean oil, representatives of student parents and food safety volunteers, since early 2011 began to approach the Beijing Education Committee, requesting to change and use safe and healthy non-GM compressed food oil.

On the afternoon of March 12, 2012, the parents representatives were invited to hold discussions with the leaders of one of the departments of the Ministry of Education. During the meeting, the parents' representatives explained that the Hangzhou Education Bureau, the

Wulumuqi Education Bureau, the Shandong Anqiu Education Bureau, the Qingdao Food & Drug Supervision and Administration Bureau, all had issued official documents requesting that "nutrition lunches" for students should change and use safe and healthy non-GM compressed food oil.

During the meeting, an official of the Ministry explained that they "have difficulty," and showed the parents' representatives an official letter dated Sep. 28, 2011 from the Ministry of Agriculture to the Ministry of Education, asking them to stop local education bureaus issuing such official documents banning school canteens from using GM food oil.

It is a crime to intentionally insist that nationwide primary and middle school canteens continue use massive amounts of inferior, low nutrition, toxic garbage chemically extracted GM food oil processed by Monsanto glyphosate-tolerant GM soybeans and GM canola.

On July 20, 2012, Yang Xiao-lu, a Beijing food safety volunteer, submitted a government information disclosure application to the Ministry of Agriculture, requesting to disclose the official letter dated Sep. 28, 2011 from the Ministry of Agriculture to the Ministry of Education.

On Aug. 1, 2012, the government information disclosure application response issued by the Ministry of Agriculture stated: "The official letter issued by our Ministry on Sep 28 2011 is a 'confidential' document , according to the PRC Government Information Disclosure Regulation and concerned stipulations, shall not be disclosed." [[Attachment 9: Chinese](#)]

14. Luo Yun-bo, President, Huang Kun-lun, Professor (Food Science & Nutrition Engineering College of China Agriculture), and Zhang Qi-fa, Academician (Huazhong Agriculture University) carried out a test using a "natural bacteria cultured Bt protein toxin," essentially different from the "GM Bt protein toxin," to carry out a falsified test with a fake sample to falsify a conclusion of safety. [[Attachment 15: Chinese](#)]

15. The observation and and measurement results of "Analysis of Intestinal Microbiota in Mice Fed with Cry1C Protein in Acute Oral Toxicity Test," led by Luo Yun-bo, President, and Huang Kun-lun, Professor, clearly prove that Cry1C protein harms health. Yet they falsely concluded, "Cry1C protein is safe for mice from the point of intestinal microbiota," to support the lie that GM Bt rice is "safe to eat." This is blatant academic misconduct! [[Attachment 16: Chinese](#)]

16. "Unintended compositional changes in transgenic rice seeds (*Oryza sativa* L.) studied by spectral and chromatographic analysis coupled with chemometrics methods" by A Zhongshan University team published in Feb 2010 by Journal Agric Food Chem reveals: Compared with the corresponding species non-GM rice, the GM Bt rice developed by academician Zhang Qi-fa, it's nutrition contents shows significant changes, which are harmful and not beneficial to human health! The Ministry of Agriculture in Dec. 2014 continued to issue the "safety certificate" for GM Bt rice, ignoring it's harm to human health. [[Attachment 17: Chinese](#)]

17. Three GM Bt rice fed rat studies by three different Chinese universities prove GM Bt rice is harmful to health: "Small intestine slices shows intestinal gland of experimental mice develops lesion hyperplasia"; "A small number of hematology indexes and viscera coefficient index exists significant difference ... compared with controls, a small number of indexes (testis cell cycle, reproductive organ viscera coefficient) exist with difference"; "Low dose groups of female mice: mononuclear cell count ... mean platelet volume ... significantly lower than controls; ... Low dose groups of male mice: Aspartate aminotransferase significant lower than controls." If such tests are extended to two years or even three generation reproduction toxicology tests, the trend of such lesions is obvious! [[Attachment 18: Chinese](#)]

18. Three separate GM Bt rice 90 day feeding rat toxicology studies by three different European teams (including one team that cooperated with Chinese scholars of the Zhejiang University) also proved that GM Bt rice harms health: GM fed group drank significantly more water; Differences in blood biochemistry, immune response and the difference in intestinal bacterial colonies; difference of male organ weight fed by GM feed compared with control non-GM fed group; The distribution of the gut community varieties -- GM fed group coliform bacteria levels 23% higher than controls; Also difference in organ weight of adrenal gland, testicle and uterus! [[Attachment 19: Chinese](#)]

19. Overseas studies prove: The Bt toxin produced by GM Bt crops, or glyphosate residue contained in glyphosate-tolerant GM crops, alone or together, even if very low dosage, significantly affect the development of human embryonic kidney cells. Before organizing similar toxicology tests by independent institutions, there is no reason to consider that the GM Bt protein toxins produced by GM Bt rice do

not cause similar consequences. [[Attachment 20: Chinese](#)]

20. "Hematotoxicity of Bacillus thuringiensis as Spore-crystal Strains Cry1Aa, Cry1Ab, Cry1Ac or Cry2Aa in Swiss Albino Mice" by Brazilian team of University of Brasilia published by Journal of Hematology & Thromboembolic Diseases, explored the toxicity of GM Bt protein in mammals. Their study proved: GM toxin Cry1Aa, Cry1Ab, Cry1Ac or Cry2A, or their catamarans, in mice blood cause toxicity effects, Bt toxins caused red blood cells to rupture. This study further proves the earlier conclusion by other researchers that GM Bt protein causes toxicity in mammals, and also proves: The "food safety" toxicology tests by academician Zhang Qi-fa, President Luo Yunbo, and Prof. Huang Kun-lun using fake samples to carry out a fraudulent test to falsely claim that GM Bt rice is safe to eat is blatant academic misconduct! [[Attachment 21: Chinese](#)]

21. "Healthy conditions of soil is the precondition for normal growth of crops and sustainable agriculture." Scholars from the Life & Environment Science College of the Shanghai Normal University and the Resource & Environment College of the Northeast Agriculture University proved that GM Bt rice, GM Bt cotton, and GM Bt maize damage the balance of the microbial colony, i.e. the most critical condition of healthy soil, causing unsustainable and biological disaster to agriculture. We cannot commercialize GM crops, we must ban them! Investigation by Indian, Australian, and American researchers prove the same. A study by an environmental science scholar of the Zhongshan University proves: The growing of GM papaya also causes "significant increase of both the numbers and resistance of resistant microorganisms (bacteria, actinomyces and fungi) ... cause rather great effect to the kinds and diversity of soil bacteria," providing important evidence that GM papaya inevitably endangers the ecosystem health of the human gut microbial colony and the possibility of facilitating the development of antibiotic resistant bacteria. Academician Zhang Qifa encouraging "61 academicians to jointly write to the top leadership urging commercialization of GM Bt rice," is equivalent to the crime of intentionally creating an ecological disaster! [[Attachment 22: Chinese](#)]

22. During the "Biosafety International Forum 5th Workshop" in May 2013, a citizen representative pointed out, China's legislation on GMO exists with many loopholes, which are rather obvious and major: GM crops, and/or hybrid crops developed from GM crops and non-GM crops by some well-known scientists are smuggled

through the supervisory system under the disguise of traditional species or "hybrid" species. Two Government Information Disclosure Application Responses issued by the Ministry of Agriculture confirmed that the Ministry not only purposely allows 1) GM species disguise as "traditional species," "hybrids" to flood without control; and also purposely allows 2) "gene silencing" developed species, or 3) species developed by "gene editing", or 4) species developed by "chromosome hybridization," under disguise as "traditional species" or "hybrid species" avoiding supervision and safety evaluation according to the State Council "Agricultural GMO Safety Administration Regulation" and the Ministry of Agriculture "Agricultural GMO Safety Administration Method"! [[Attachment 23: Chinese](#)]

23. The Ministry of Agriculture monopolizes the responsibility of the agricultural GMO biosafety evaluation and the issuing of "safety certificates," therefore at the same time undertakes the responsibility of monitoring consumer health effects resulting from such actions. There is very clear correlation between the 1.3 billion Chinese people consuming more and more glyphosate-tolerant GM soybeans, GM canola and the rapid increase of a series of malignant diseases during the past ten years, but the Ministry of Agriculture refuses to organize any epidemiological investigation.

During the past 20 years, the health level of the Chinese people has seriously deteriorated, a few malignant diseases have shockingly rapidly increased!

Attachment 10:

"We Must Face the harm caused by imported GM soybeans to 1.3 billion Chinese people" by Mi Zhen-yu (Former Vice President, Academy of Military Science, Doctoral tutor, Lieutenant General) published by "Science & Technology Abstracts Newspaper" on April 25, 2014 quoted:

During the past 20 years, the health level of the Chinese people has rapidly deteriorated with various diseases rapidly increasing. The situation is shocking.

In 1996, the rate of newborn defects in China was 0.87%; in 2000, it

increased to 1.09%; and in 2010, it increased to 1.53%. [5]

According to an American survey reported by Reference News on June 2, 2013, the rate of severe depression in people over 60 years old in China is as high as 40%; [6]

The Xinmin Evening News reported on Nov. 22, 2011, the rate of precocious puberty in Chinese girls has increased 10-fold in the past 10 years;

The first "The Public health white paper" issued by the Beijing Municipal Government in 2010 revealed: Type II diabetes has increased 11.7 times;

The Zhengzhou Daily News reported on April 2, 2013: The number of children confirmed with autism has increased 100 times during the past 20 years;

The Chengdu Daily reported on Feb. 20, 2013: During recent years, the prevalence of childhood cancer is increasing, on average there is one cancer patient for each 10,000 children. Among juvenile cancer patients, leukemia, brain tumor, malignant lymphoma and neuroblastoma are the top 4 types.

The "2012 Chinese male sperm quality survey white paper" announced by the China Population Association in 2012 indicates: The total amount of infertility patients in China already exceed 50 million, accounting for 15.6% of the child-bearing age population. This number 10 years ago in 2002 was 8%, and 20 years ago in 1972 was 3%, 40 years ago during the 70s infertility patients were not more than 1%.

According to a report by the Xinhua website, the prevalence of Parkinson's patients in China has increased over 20 times during the last 20 years; [7]

At present, the prevalence of cardiovascular disease has exceeded 13% [8]; and the percentage of people with chronic kidney disease has reached 10%. [9]

Source : Mi Zhen-yu, We Must Face the harm caused by imported GM soybeans to 1.3 billion Chinese people, Science & Technology Abstracts Newspaper, April 25, 2014. http://blog.sina.com.cn/s/blog_4bb17e9d0102edhg.html

[5] Information Times, Within 100 newborns is 5.6 with defects, 2013-03-07
http://news.ifeng.com/gundong/detail_2013_03/07/22826084_0.shtml

[6] Reference Information, Overseas Media, Chinese old age seriously suffering from suppression, 2013-06-02
<http://china.cankaoxiaoxi.com/2013/0602/218581.shtml>

[7] Xinhua website, The prevalence of Parkinson's disease has increased over 20 times during the recent 20 years in China, 2007-04-12
http://news.xinhuanet.com/health/2007-04/12/content_5965118.htm

[8] Health Newspaper, "China cardiovascular disease report 2012" announces that ever 10 seconds a person dies from cardiovascular disease in China, 2013-08-12
http://www.bj.xinhuanet.com/hbpd/health/yw/2013-08/12/c_116900727.htm

[9] Guangzhou Daily, The prevalence of chronic kidney disease in Guangdong province is higher than average in China, 2013-11-04
http://news.southcn.com/d/2013-11/04/content_83567059.htm

On Dec 8, 2014, Yang Xiao-lu and Li Xiang-zhen, Beijing food safety volunteers, submitted a government information disclosure application, requesting to disclose the following information:

1) Since 2004, has the Ministry of Agriculture issued documents requesting to follow-up, investigate, and obtain feedback on the effects that have occurred after the GM soybean oil, GM soybean protein powder added food products have entered the market, especially to childrens' health? If the Ministry of Agriculture has issued such documents, request to disclose scanned copies of such documents.

2) If Ministry of Agriculture has not issued such documents, then how could the Ministry, as the responsible department for GM food products, follow and learn about the effects that have occurred after the GM soybean oil, GM soybean protein powder added food products have entered the market, especially to childrens' health, including beneficial effects or harmful effects?

The Ministry of Agriculture on Dec 12 2014 refused to disclose such information, stating: "The government information you apply to disclose does not exist. ... The information you apply to disclose ... is consulting on government policy measures, does not belong to the scope of information stipulated by the "PRC Government Information Disclosure Regulation". [[Attachment 11: Chinese](#)]

- **This either proves that the Ministry of Agriculture is negligent, they have not even "issued documents requesting to follow-up, investigate, and obtain feedback on the effects that have occurred after the GM soybean oil, GM soybean protein powder added food products have entered the market, especially to childrens' health";**
- **Or it proves that the Ministry of Agriculture has obtained information showing that GM soybean oil, GM soybean protein powder added food has caused harm to consumer's health, especially to childrens' health, but refuses to disclose this.**

24. Bi Jia-mei, chief economist, spokesman for the Ministry of Agriculture, on Dec. 5, 2014 at the press conference held at the State Council News Office news announcement hall emphasized: "In the future we shall follow such a route: First non-edible crops, thereafter indirect edible crops, finally edible crops -- such procedure to stably proceed. First develop non-edible economic crops, then animal feed crops, plus crops as raw materials, eventually general edible crops, finally main staple edible crops. During this process, the Ministry of Agriculture shall fulfill its responsibility in accordance with law, to assure safety."

Source of information:

<http://politics.people.com.cn/n/2014/1205/c70731-26155306.html>

This "route" specified by the spokesman of the Ministry shows that the leadership of the Ministry of Agriculture are making the greatest effort without any restrictions to proceed along a 100% genetic modification (GM) road!

25. We seriously suspect that the Ministry of Agriculture accepting genetic modification is the result of faithfully implementing the "consensus" reached between Sun Zheng-cai, former Minister of Agriculture, and Grant, President of Monsanto, during Sun's visit to Monsanto in 2009.

The International Cooperation Dept. on Oct. 2009 reported on the official website of Ministry of Agriculture: "On Oct. 20, 2009, Vice Minister Niu Dun met Brett Begeman, Deputy President of Monsanto and told him, he will actively implement the consensus reached by Minister Sun Zheng-cai when he met President Grant during his visit to USA."

On March 15, 2013, Beijing citizens submitted a government information disclosure application, requesting the Ministry of Agriculture to disclose the detailed contents of "the consensus reached by Minister Sun Zheng-cai when he met President Grant during his visit to USA ."

The Ministry of Agriculture on April 1, 2013 responded by official letter: "The application you submitted requesting to disclose the concerned information regarding Sun Zheng-cai, former Minister of Agriculture, meeting with Grant, President of Monsanto during Sun's visit to USA has been received. Response herewith: The information you require to disclose does not belong to the government information referred to by the PRC Government Information Disclosure Regulation," thus they refused to disclose it! [[Attachment 12](#): Deleted by webmaster in China]

If the "consensus" reached between Minister Sun Zheng-cai and President Grant of evil Monsanto is determined as "information not belonging to government information that should be disclosed," is it considered as some "private transactions"?

Conclusion: These facts thoroughly prove:

1) The Ministry of Agriculture's "Agricultural GMOs Safety Evaluation Administration Method" and implementation by the Ministry has not assured us that GMOs developed abroad or within China are safe. On the contrary, the "Safety Certificate" offered by the Ministry that states GMOs "do not present a danger to mankind, animals, plants, microbes and the ecological environment," in fact has allowed Monsanto's glyphosate-tolerant GM soy, maize and canola products, which do cause systematic harm "to mankind, animals, plants, microbes and the ecological environment," to flood the Chinese market in large scale!

2) The Ministry of Agriculture and the China Disease Control & Prevention Center have both colluded with Monsanto, who has provided them with "fake samples, carried out false tests, and falsified safety conclusions." The Ministry of Agriculture and the China Disease Control & Prevention Center, in partnership with Monsanto, have cheated the Chinese government and Chinese people, have seriously violated the State Council's "Agricultural GMOs Safety Administration Regulation," and are hereby alleged to have committed the "crime of endangering public security with dangerous methods"!

3) As a State Party to the United Nation's Convention on Biodiversity and its Cartagena Biosafety Protocol, China should strictly implement these legally binding international documents. On the issue of GMO food safety, the Cartagena Biosafety Protocol stipulates, "Lack of scientific certainty due to insufficient relevant scientific information and knowledge regarding the extent of the potential adverse effects of a living modified organism on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity in the Party of import, taking also into account risks to human health, shall not prevent that Party from taking a decision, as appropriate, with regard to the import of the living modified organism in question as referred to in paragraph 3 above, in order to avoid or minimize such potential adverse effects." The above described facts prove that the Ministry of Agriculture has blatantly violated these stipulations of the Protocol.

4) We must therefore perform a cancer-like surgery: first, investigate the extent of the collusion between officials in the Ministry of Agriculture and Monsanto in cheating the Chinese government and the Chinese People; second, carry out a shakeup and reorganization of the leadership of the ministry; and third, establish new leadership with a clear understanding that ecological agriculture is the only correct sustainable development direction for China's agriculture. Only after establishing such a new leadership, and not before, can we make the necessary revision to the ministry's "Agricultural GMOs Safety Evaluation Administration Method" in accordance with the principle of giving top priority to the continuous safety, health, survival and reproduction of the Chinese nation!

5) Furthermore, we cannot exclude the possibility that GMOs could very likely be used by overseas evil forces as a means of bio-warfare, causing massive safety danger, therefore the agricultural GMO issue also is a major issue concerning bio-defense. Therefore, the agricultural GMO issue is no longer an issue that can be regulated, supervised and administrated by one government department, such as the Ministry of Agriculture, but must be regulated, supervised and administrated by a special agency of the National Security Council. This special agency should be formed by members of the National Security Council, military medical research institutions undertaking bio-defense tasks, biochemical warfare tasks, and specialists carrying out research in agricultural GMOs, inspection and quarantine, public health, environment protection etc.

6) After investigating the responsibility of the Ministry of

Agriculture officials colluding internally and externally with Monsanto and cheating the Chinese government and Chinese people, we suggest that the "Agricultural GMO Biosafety Evaluation Administration Method" at least should be supplemented with the following clauses:

1) The classification of Agricultural GMOs "degree of danger to humans, animals and plants, microbes and the ecological environment," must adhere to the principle of "practice is the eventual standard for verification of truth," can only be judged after simultaneously carrying out the same type, overall, comprehensive, long-term, multiple-generation carcinogenic, teratogenic and mutagenic, endocrine disrupting, developmental disturbance toxicology animal testing, and not determined by any "specialists" group tapping on their heads!

2) All agricultural GMOs must carry out the same type, overall, comprehensive, long-term, multiple-generation carcinogenic, teratogenic and mutagenic, endocrine disrupting, developmental disturbance toxicology animal tests!

GM agricultural, forestry species are artificial species not existing before in nature, have not been verified over time by the human society and nature, thus the responsibility of presenting evidence to prove their safety completely falls on the developers and promoters. They have unshirkable responsibility through sufficiently rigorous experimental data to prove the absolute safety of GMO food to humans, animals and environment, and to prove that such safety is permanent and not only for any limited duration.

Towards the massive evidence and reports proving that GMO food is harmful, the developers and promoters have unshirkable responsibility to use sufficiently rigorous experimental data to prove that such evidence and reports are wrong, and to address all the suspicions on GMO food products. They need to use true and convincing evidence to prove that all evidence and reports showing harm of GMO food are false, wrong, otherwise they cannot prove the safety of GMO food.

3) All such toxicology animal test reports concern the public health interest. As such, scanned copies of the original test reports without any deletion must all be disclosed to the public, including the names of the testing institution and the names of the responsible persons!

4) Agricultural GMO development units that refuse to disclose all such toxicology animal test reports, must be refused their qualification of applying for "safety certificates"!

5) All agricultural GMOs, regardless of being developed by domestic or foreign units, if such units refuse to disclose any of their toxicology animal test reports, their "safety certificates" should be immediately canceled!

6) If the Ministry of Agriculture refuses to make such revisions to the "Agricultural GMO Biosafety Administration Method," we will call to people of the whole nation: All agricultural GMOs must be banned, the responsibility of all officials and public position "scholars" who indulge in promotion of agricultural GMOs must be investigated!

7) All administration regulations must include clauses of punishment, otherwise, such regulations have no seriousness and feasibility. Especially the industrialization of agricultural and forestry GMOs, its safety consequences shall seriously threaten mankind life and health and the overall ecological environment. The punishment clauses of the original "Agricultural GMO Biosafety Administration Method" are all too light, at most a few hundred thousand RMB, some clauses even do not even include any fine, only stipulate to stop. The level of punishment does not correspond to the scale of harm consequences. This also enables the GMO interest group to disregard, using thuggery to promote the spreading of GMOs, paying no attention to the serious consequences caused to mankind, society and environment!

Therefore, we request: Much more severe punishment should be included by the revised "Agricultural GMO Biosafety Administration Method," and those who purposely release GMOs into the environment and the market, without giving concern to the consequences, should be considered equivalent to thugs and charged with the crime of "using dangerous means to harm public safety." Not only should criminal responsibility be investigated, but also apply massive severe economic punishment, therefore evil persons will not dare to act in such way!

Finally, regarding the revision process of the "Agricultural GMO Biosafety Evaluation Administration Method," we request:

(1) The PRC Constitution Article 27 specifies: "All state government departments and state officers must rely on the support of the people, frequently maintain close contacts with the people, earnestly listen to the opinions and Suggestions of the people, receive supervision by the people, make efforts to serve the people."

(2) "Agricultural GMO biosafety" concerns the health and safety of the 1.3 billion Chinese people, therefore, the National People's Congress and the China Political Consultancy Committee must hold public hearings on the revision opinions proposed to the "Agricultural GMO Biosafety Evaluation Administration Method," the Ministry of Agriculture officials should point by point listen and respond to inquiries by the People representatives.

(3) The Ministry of Agriculture should also learn from the EU, publicly disclose and list all the revision suggestions by the public to the "Agricultural GMO Biosafety Evaluation Administration Method," and point by point explain the reason for accepting or refusing such revision suggestions.

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