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## **Indonesia**

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### **Indonesia Approves Food Safety of Two Transgenic Corn Varieties**

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**Report Highlights:**

The Indonesian Biosafety Committee for Transgenic Products Approves Two Transgenic Corn Varieties for Food Safety

**General Information:**

The Indonesian Biosafety Committee for Transgenic Products, which was established in July 2010, starts approved two transgenic corn events, namely MON 89034 and NK603, for food safety at their Plenary Meeting on October 19, 2010. The applications for the food safety review of these events were submitted to the National Agency of Drug and Food Control (NADFC) at the end of 2008, following issuance of guidelines by the NADFC would conduct food safety assessments of transgenic products.

In the wake of the committee's food safety approval of aforementioned products, the committee will provide the recommendation to the head of NADFC for issuance the certificate letter.

It is reported that currently one of the transgenic corn events is being prepared for a limited field trial.

On October 1, 2010 the Secretariat of Biosafety Clearing House submitted the summary of the food safety assessment for two transgenic soybean events, namely MON 89788 and GTS 40-3-2 on its website for a 60 day public comment period. This public comment period will be finished at the end of November. Post is optimistic that the committee will approve the food safety of these two transgenic products in early 2011.