

# Moscow Legislative Experience of Regulating GMO expansion

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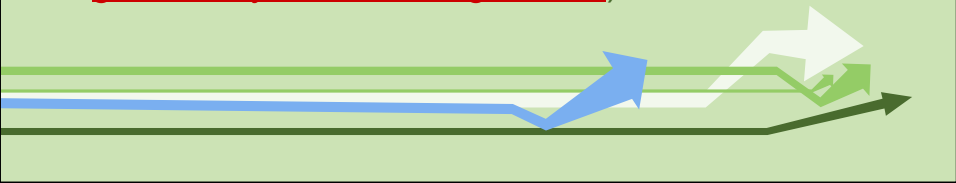
## State documents :

- The Russian Federation law “On State Regulation of Genetic Engineering Activities”
- The Government Order “On the State Registration of Animal Feed, manufactured from genetically-modified organisms”
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- The Ecological Doctrine of Russia
- Priorities of the State Biodiversity Policy

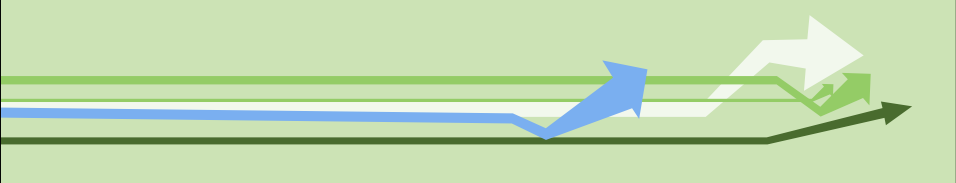


## The Russian Federation Law “On the Protection of Consumer Rights”, Art. 10:

“Labels on goods (including works and services) should contain: (...) concerning food stuffs: information on the make-up of the food (including the name of the food ingredients and food additives used during manufacturing, biologically active additives, and information on the presence of components produced with the application of genetically-modified organisms)”



## Why GMO-control doesn't work well?

- Rospotrebnadzor does **rare** checks;
  - Rospotrebnadzor has **no proper laboratories**;
  - The results of Rospotrebnadzor's checks are **closed for the public**;
  - There's **no will** from most of federal politics to improve the situation.
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## Russian Institute of Nutrition

- Russian Institute of Nutrition had carried out the experiments on GMO-seeds, that were then legalized in Russia, but **revealed only positive** results;
- The heads of this Institute quite openly **support GMO-consumption**, because “the harm of it’s not evident yet”.

## Interview with Victor Tutelian – the head of Russian Institute of Nutrition

**The Main Enemy of Health is not GMO, but Fat Sausage!**



(...)Today everybody is afraid of transgenes. But Russian Institute of Nutrition is looking positively at GMO. All this “scary mutation” had gone through all kinds of tests in Russia and other countries. It had been proved, that they are harmless.

## Interview with Alexander Baturin – vice-president of Russian Institute of Nutrition

-There are many claims against food-companies in USA.  
-Did you see anybody win? There's no single evidence, that GMO can bring any harm.

(..)But ecological NGO took products for analysis and found GMO in them, while there was no information about GMO on the labels.  
-This has nothing to do with me. It might happen, but in general information on all labels is true.



## Local measures of Moscow authorities



**Liudmila Stebenkova**, head of the Moscow City Duma Commission on Public Health, **initiated a political discussion** on GMO regulation.



## The result

- Adoption of **Moscow City's law "On Food Safety in Moscow"**, that prohibits buying products containing GMOs on public funds;
- **16 independent laboratories**, where Muscovites can check the products on GMO-presence for free. All results are open for public;
- system of **voluntary labeling** "Does not contain GMO", the registration is free.

## The support of Irina Ermakova's Experiment

1. Rat-pups, fed by traditional soy



2. female rats, fed GM-soy (Ready Roundup, line 40.3.2):

- high mortality rate of rat pups (more than one half)
- poor development in surviving pups (they were sick and weighed less than the pups from control groups)
- pathological changes found in the testes and livers of males fed with GM-soy seeds.



Thank you for your attention!!!