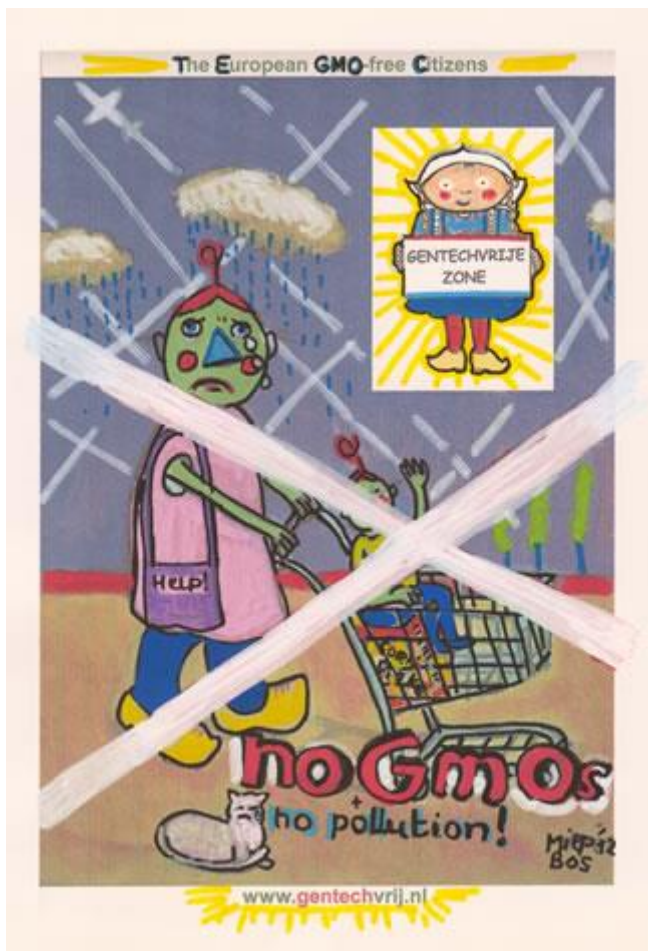


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Website of [Stichting Ekopark, Lelystad](#).



[We were at the GMO-free Europe Conference](#)

[2012](#) Click on the poster. Brussels, 4th - 5th of September 2012

What is

Stichting Ekopark is a Foundation of worried citizens who don 't want GMOs. [Theo Tromp](#) is the chairman. The Foundation organizes lectures. On the 18th of December 2015 there will be a lecture of dr. Peter Swan, the 3rd in a row. See his PPP about glyphosate [here](#) . Held at the Clubhouse of [Biotuinen](#) in Lelystad. Biotuinen is one of the first Ekoparks realized. Furthermore De Stichting promotes several kinds of organic agriculture one of them is [Maharishi Vedic Agriculture](#). The Foundation sends petitions to the Ministry of Environment against fieldtrials and placings on the EU market of GMOs. The latest is [against GMO-carnations](#). You cannot send your views anymore on this topic.



Demonstration held in 2004 in Lelystad, the Netherlands.

NEWS see [here](#).

10-06-2014 : Hearing in The Hague.

Last week, on the 30th of September 2014, Miep Bos, spokeswoman of the European GMO-free Citizens, has attended a hearing organised by the Dutch Ministry of Environment in The Hague because of a notice of appeal we wrote against a test of Intervet.

The subject was a change in testing of little foals from 2 days old and older in the city of Sint Anthonis (Noord Brabant, NL). Intervet asks for permission to change the route of giving the GM vaccine, the changed *Rhodococcus equi* bacteria by injections among other things with a higher dose.

The manure and hay will be spread in the pasture afterwards. The foals will eventually be killed or sold after the trail.

There will be no investigation re the soil and the bacterium. Intervet says it is not necessary.

The people of Sint Anthonis are not informed. We told some people what is happening and 41 people in that region have undersigned a notice of appeal which we have written. But they are not heard by the Ministry and cannot go to The Council of State (highest Dutch Court , Raad van State) because "They aren't an interested party, because they live too far away" (about one km.)!!!!

We are waiting for the decision on our appeal, whether the European GMO-free Citizens and the non-profit foundations Vomigen and Ekopark, (Miep Bos wrote an appeal on their behalf) that she represents, are indeed an interested party.

So now people know that the tests are not over yet. In Ireland they did the test too in 2014, but did stop because of the bad results in Germany. In 2013 Intervet did not perform tests in Sint Anthonis. Our question is, are there already results of the test re the soil in Germany ?

Also see the SNIFs:

[Nederland, Germany Ireland.](#)

[All about the trail in Ireland.](#)

[Our plea \(Dutch\).](#)

You could sign our [petition](#) on GMO-carnation Moonagua (TM) in 2009.

English petition with list for more signatures ([PDF](#)). Closed.

English

July 28, 2009 We have just made a [petition](#) on GMO-carnations with changed colour. Named Moonagua TM. These carnations are not yet available in Europe because they are genetically engineered and are not authorized. But the Dutch Ministry of Environment will in 6 weeks. You can protest against this flower till then. To test on the safety they use mice and human embryonic cells and that for a change in colour. There are enough ordinary flowers with beautiful colours on the globe, we don't need artificial ones, I think. Sign my petition by sending an e-mail to this [e-mail address](#) by stating: Petition on GMO-carnation Moonagua T , C/NL/06/01 and your name street town country without commas. More about the GMO carnation you can read [here and here \(EFSA Summary\)](#) . Deadline 1st of September 2009.

German

July 28, 2009 Wir haben gerade eine [Beschwerdeschrift](#) an unserem Ministerium für Umwelt geschrieben gegen die [Nelke Moonagua \(TM\)](#) mit geänderte Farbe. Diese Nelken sind noch nicht verkäuflich in den EU weil sie gentechnisch geändert sind und jetzt noch nicht zugelassen. Das Holländische Ministerium möchte dass machen nach 6 Wochen für ganz Europa . Sie können dagegen protestieren bis an den ersten September. Man hat Mäuse misbraucht um die Giftigkeit zu testen. Die Tiere werden am Ende getötet. Auch verwendete man menschliche Fetus Zellen bei ähnliche Nelken. Und dass für eine andere Farbe! Es gibt tausende schöne Blumen ohne die Verwendung vom Gentechnik! Unterschreiben Sie bitte mein Beschwerde durch das Schicken von Ihre Name Hausadresse Wohnort Land und e-mail Adresse ohne Kommas zu diese [e-mail Adresse](#) mit folgendem Satz: Beschwerde bezüglich genveränderte Nelken Moonagua T , C/NL/06/01".

Portuguese

Acabamos de terminar [uma petição](#) sobre cravos OGM com a cor alterada. Nomeado Moonagua (TM). Estes cravos ainda não estão disponíveis na Europa, porque eles são geneticamente

modificados e ainda não estão autorizados. Mas o Ministério do Meio Ambiente Holandês irá autorizar dentro de 6 semanas. Você pode protestar contra esta flor até esse prazo. Para testar sobre a segurança destas flores utilizam ratos e células embrionárias de humanos e tudo isto por uma mudança de cor. Existem uma grande variedade de cravos com belas cores em todo o globo, não precisamos de cores artificiais. Assine a nossa petição, enviando um e-mail para este endereço [info\(at\)gentechvrij.nl](mailto:info(at)gentechvrij.nl), declarando em assunto: Petição sobre cravos-OGM Moonagua T, C/NL/06/01, iniciando no corpo da mensagem seu nome da rua cidade país sem vírgulas. Mais informações sobre os cravos OGM você pode ler [aqui](#) e [aqui \(AESA Síntese\)](#). Prazo até 1 de Setembro de 2009. Veja os links em <http://www.gentechvrij.nl/thegmofreecitizens.html>

Italiano

Firma la nostra petizione sul garofano geneticamente modificato Moonagua TM . 28 luglio 2009. La petizione riguarda i garofani geneticamente modificati per avere un colore nuovo chiamati Moonagua TM . Essendo geneticamente modificato questo tipo di garofano non è ancora disponibile in Europa perché non è autorizzato, ma l'autorizzazione verrà concessa dal Ministero dell'Ambiente olandese entro 6 settimane. Entro tale data sarà possibile protestare contro l'introduzione di questo fiore.

Per studiare la sicurezza di tali fiori vengono usate topi e cellule embrionali umane. Non abbiamo bisogno di fiori artificiali, ci bastano i fiori con colori bellissimi offerti dalla natura. Per firmare la mia petizione manda una e-mail a questo indirizzo* scrivendo: *Petizione sul garofano geneticamente modificato Moonagua TM, C/NL/06/01 e il tuo nome strada città nazione senza virgole.*

Ulteriori informazioni sui garofani geneticamente modificati sono reperibili qui e qui (Riassunto EFSA). Ricordo che il termine ultimo per l'invio della petizione è il 1 settembre 2009. Per ulteriori informazioni: <http://www.gentechvrij.nl/thegmofreecitizens.html>

English to Italian translation by Nadia Simonini - ISDE Italia). Grazie tante!

Dutch

24 juli 2009: Gentech anjer Moonagua C/NL/06/01 goedgekeurd door VROM en NLV voor markttoelating in de hele EU. Je kunt bezwaar maken. Voorbeeldbezwaarschrift hier te downloaden. Je kunt je naam, adres, woonplaats, datum en e-mail adres doorgeven zonder komma's ertussen als je het bezwaarschrift mede wilt ondertekenen. Deadline 1 september 2009. Hoe doe je dat ? 1. Lees het bezwaarschrift. 2. Stuur een e-mail naar dit adres met de vermelding "Bezwaar tegen markttoelating gentech anjer Moonagua T , C/NL/06/01." en je gegevens. Wij zorgen er voor dat het bezwaarschrift met je gegevens naar VROM gestuurd worden.

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Scientific evidence documenting the negative impacts of genetically modified (GM) foods on human and animal health and the environment.

10 reasons why we don't need GM foods

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With the cost of food recently skyrocketing - hitting not just shoppers but the poor and hungry in the developing world - genetically modified (GM) foods are once again being promoted as the way to feed the world. But this is little short of a confidence trick. Far from needing more GM foods, there are urgent reasons why we need to ban them altogether.

1. GM foods won't solve the food crisis

A 2008 World Bank report concluded that increased biofuel production is the major cause of the increase in food prices.[1] GM giant Monsanto has been at the heart of the lobbying for biofuels (crops grown for fuel rather than food) - while profiting enormously from the resulting food crisis and using it as a PR opportunity to promote GM foods!

"The climate crisis was used to boost biofuels, helping to create the food crisis; and now the food crisis is being used to revive the fortunes of the GM industry." - Daniel Howden, Africa correspondent of The Independent[2]

"The cynic in me thinks that they're just using the current food crisis and the fuel crisis as a springboard to push GM crops back on to the public agenda. I understand why they're doing it, but the danger is that if they're making these claims about GM crops solving the problem of drought or feeding the world, that's bullshit." - Prof Denis Murphy, head of biotechnology at the University of Glamorgan in Wales[3]

2. GM crops do not increase yield potential

Despite the promises, GM has not increased the yield potential of any commercialised crops.[4] In fact, studies show that the most widely grown GM crop, GM soya, has suffered reduced yields.[5]

"Let's be clear. As of this year [2008], there are no commercialized GM crops that inherently increase yield. Similarly, there are no GM crops on the market that were engineered to resist drought, reduce fertilizer pollution or save soil. Not one." - Dr Doug Gurian-Sherman, former biotech specialist for the US Environmental Protection Agency and former advisor on GM to the US Food and Drug Administration[6]

3. GM crops increase pesticide use

Official data shows that in the US, GM crops have produced an overall average increase, not decrease, in pesticide use compared to conventional crops.[7]

"The promise was that you could use less chemicals and produce a greater yield. But let me tell you none of this is true." - Bill Christison, President of the US National Family Farm Coalition[8]

4. There are better ways to feed the world

A major recent UN/World Bank-sponsored report compiled by 400 scientists, and endorsed by 58 countries, concluded that GM crops have little to offer global agriculture and the challenges of poverty, hunger, and climate change, because better alternatives are available.[9]

5. Other farm technologies are more successful

Integrated Pest Management and other innovative low-input or organic methods of controlling pests and boosting yields have proven highly effective, particularly in the developing world.[10] Other plant breeding technologies, such as Marker Assisted Selection (non-GM genetic mapping), are widely expected to boost global agricultural productivity more effectively and safely than GM.[11]

"The quiet revolution is happening in gene mapping, helping us understand crops better. That is up and running and could have a far greater impact on agriculture [than GM]." - Prof John Snape, head of the department of crop genetics, John Innes Centre[12]

6. GM foods have not been shown to be safe to eat

Genetic modification is a crude and imprecise way of incorporating foreign genetic material (e.g. from viruses, bacteria) into crops, with unpredictable consequences. The resulting GM foods have undergone little rigorous and no long-term safety testing, but animal feeding tests have shown worrying health effects.[13] Only one study has been published on the direct effects on humans of eating a GM food.[14] It found unexpected effects on gut bacteria, but was never followed up.

"We are confronted with the most powerful technology the world has ever known, and it is being rapidly deployed with almost no thought whatsoever to its consequences." - Dr Suzanne Wuerthele, US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) toxicologist

7. Stealth GMOs in animal feed - without consumers' consent

Meat, eggs and dairy products from animals raised on the millions of tons of GM feed imported into Europe do not have to be labelled. Studies have shown that if GM crops are fed to animals, GM material can appear in the resulting products.[15] As GM foods have been shown to affect animals' health, eating such "stealth GMOs" may affect the health of consumers.

8. No one is monitoring the impact of GM foods on health

It is claimed that Americans have eaten GM foods for years with no ill effects. But these foods are unlabeled in the US and no one has monitored the consequences. With other novel foods like trans fats, it has taken decades to realize that they have caused millions of premature deaths.[16]

9. GM and non-GM cannot co-exist

GM contamination of conventional and organic food is increasing. An unapproved GM rice that was grown for only one year in field trials was found to have extensively contaminated the US rice supply and seed stocks.[17] In Canada, the organic oilseed rape industry has been destroyed by contamination from GM rape.[18] In Spain, a study found that GM maize "has caused a drastic reduction in organic cultivations of this grain and is making their coexistence practically impossible".[19]

The time has come to choose between a GM-based, or a non-GM-based, world food supply.

"If some people are allowed to choose to grow, sell and consume GM foods, soon nobody will be able to choose food, or a biosphere, free of GM. It's a one way choice, like the introduction of rabbits or cane toads to Australia; once it's made, it can't be reversed." - Roger Levett, specialist in sustainable development[20]

10. We can't trust GM companies

The big biotech firms pushing their GM foods have a terrible history of toxic contamination and public deception.[21] GM is attractive to them because it gives them patents that allow monopoly control over the world's food supply. They have taken to harassing and intimidating farmers for the "crime" of saving patented seed or "stealing" patented genes - even if those genes got into the farmer's fields through accidental contamination by wind or insects.[22]

"Farmers are being sued for having GMOs on their property that they did not buy, do not want, will not use and cannot sell." - Tom Wiley, North Dakota farmer[23]

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