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- name of the application or proposal: an application to change the Food Standards Code to allow food derived from a genetically modified soybean
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To whom it may concern:

I submit that we should not be made experimental guinea pigs with regard to GM soy products given the accidental discovery some time ago that GM peas resulted in development of allergies in test animals. The GM pea experiment at the CSIRO showed that unexpected catastrophic results are possible <http://www.newscientist.com/article/dn8347-gm-pea-causes-allergic-damage-in-mice.html>

I cannot find any other such experiments documented regarding any other GM food product, or soy, so assume the pea experiment was a one off.

Also, as far as I can ascertain from news reports and information available to the public on the internet, many other GM food products are created by chemical companies so that farmers grow plants that are more tolerant to larger amounts of chemicals. Sure, farmers may produce more crops but with the use of large amounts of chemicals and not much research into what this increased use will do to humans and animals that consume the final product.

I often wonder that the extreme and unnatural rise in allergies and anaphylaxis in recent years is the result of GM products consumed unwittingly by the public. Let's hope standards are not lowered simply to please large multinational chemical companies.

Thank you

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