

AgroTech Foods Limited - Safe Food Rank: Red

Statement on the use of Genetically Modified Foods: Though AgroTech gave verbal confirmations to Greenpeace about their strict adherence to using non-GM foods in all their products in India, they refused to confirm the same in writing.

Implication: Since AgroTech not confirmed to us in writing their GMO-free policy, we may have to believe that they have no systems in place to check contamination from the field trials of GM crops. A number of AgroTech products, particularly snacks such as Act II Popcorn that contain ingredients, which are in field trials, and could be contaminated by GM strains in the future. Therefore, we rank them Red alerting the consumer to keep an eye out for AgroTech's products.

Bambino Agro Industries Limited - Safe Food Rank: Red

Statement on the use of Genetically Modified Foods: Bambino Agro Industries has not responded to Greenpeace's communications.

Implication: Since Bambino Agro has not confirmed to us in writing, their GMO free policy, we may have to believe that they have no systems in place to check contamination from the field trials of GM crops. Some of Bambino Agro products like their Rice Ada contain ingredients, which are already in field trials, and could be contaminated by GM strains in the future. Therefore, we rank them Red alerting the consumer to keep an eye out for Bambino's products.

Bharti Enterprises - Safe Food Rank: Red

Statement on the use of Genetically Modified Foods: We and our partners are governed by the rules and regulations laid down for this industry, including labeling regulations to inform our customers.

Implication: Since Bharti Enterprises has merely stated that they will follow the regulations and present day regulations and are neither clear about contamination nor labelling, we believe that they have no systems in place to check contamination from the field trials of GM crops which are illegal even as of today. Some of FieldFresh products, particularly their tomato based products that contain ingredients, which are already in field trials may be contaminated by GM strains in the future. Therefore, we rank them Red alerting the consumer to keep an eye out for Fieldfresh and DelMonte range of products.

Britannia Industries Limited - Safe Food Rank: Red

Statement on the use of Genetically Modified Foods: Britannia Industries Limited has not responded to Greenpeace's communications

Implication: Since Britannia has not confirmed to us in writing, their GMO-free policy, we may have to believe that they have no systems in place to check contamination from the field trials of GM crops. Some of Britannia products like Nutri-Choice that contain ingredients, which are already in field trials may be

contaminated by GM strains in the future. Therefore, we rank them Red alerting the consumer to keep an eye out for Britannia's products.

Cadbury India Limited - Safe Food Rank: Red

Statement on the use of Genetically Modified Foods: Though Cadbury had stated their responsibility for healthy life styles, ethical and sustainable sourcing, and measures to minimise environment impacts including carbon emissions and reducing water use, they have not confirmed their positions on the Genetically Modified Foods.

Implication: Since Cadbury has not confirmed to us in writing, their GMO-free policy, we may have to believe that they have no systems in place to check contamination from the field trials of GM crops. Therefore, we rank them Red alerting the consumer to keep an eye out for Cadbury's products.

Dabur India Limited - Safe Food Rank: Green

Statement on the use of Genetically Modified Foods: Dabur does not support the use of GMO in its products

Implication: Though Dabur has written to us stating they are GM free as of today, it is not a commitment or a policy that they will continue to abide by forever. In the event of approval of GM crops by the government, they might retract on their current statement and switch to a 'may contain GM foods' stand. Besides, it is not clear from their statement whether they have systems in place to trace any accidental contamination from field trials of GM crops. This is evident, from the fact that they have not proactively labelled their products GMO free. But, since they have confirmed about their products being GM free, we rank Dabur Green. Greenpeace will closely monitor Dabur's products to check for any deviation from their current stand.

Godrej Hershey Foods & Beverages Limited - Safe Food Rank: Red

Statement on the use of Genetically Modified Foods: Godrej Hershey Foods has not responded to Greenpeace's communications.

Implication: Since Godrej has not confirmed to us in writing their GMO-free policy, we may have to believe that they have no systems in place to check contamination from the field trials of GM crops. Some of Godrej products, like Godrej range of oils that contain ingredients, which are already in field trials, may be contaminated by GM strains in the future. Therefore, we rank them Red alerting the consumer to keep an eye out for Godrej's products.

Haldiram Foods International Limited - Safe Food Rank: Green

Statement on the use of Genetically Modified Foods: We shall strive to provide world class quality products by utilising hygienic, safe in regards by using pesticide free ingredients, not using genetically modified ingredients & using premium quality ingredients & material.

Implication: Though Haldiram's has written to us stating they are GM free as of today, it is not a commitment or a policy that they will continue to abide by forever. In the event of approval of GM crops by the government, they might retract on their current stand and switch to a 'may contain GM foods' stand. Besides, it is not clear from their statement whether they have systems in place to trace any accidental contamination from field trials of GM crops. This is evident, from the fact that they have not proactively labelled their products GMO free. But, since they have confirmed about their products as being GM free, we rank Haldiram's Green. Greenpeace will closely monitor Haldiram's products to check for any deviation from their current stand.

Hindustan Unilever Limited - Safe Food Rank: Red

Statement on the use of Genetically Modified Foods: Our companies are free to use ingredients derived from modified crops, which have been approved by the regulatory authorities and which meet our own standards for quality and acceptability.

Implication: Since HUL has confirmed to us in writing regarding their pro-GMO policy, it is clear that HUL will use GM ingredients in their products. Although it is not clear about the steps HUL has taken to prevent accidental contamination as of today when GM foods are illegal. We rank HUL Red alerting the consumer to keep an eye out for HUL's products.

ITC Foods Limited - Safe Food Rank: Green

Statement on the use of Genetically Modified Foods: ITC's Foods business does not currently use any genetically-modified food crops or food ingredients.

Implication: Though ITC has written to us stating they are GMO-free as of today, it is not a commitment or a policy that they will continue to abide by forever. In the event of approval of GM crops by the government, they might retract on their current policy and switch to a 'may contain GM foods' stand. Besides, it is not clear from their statement whether they have systems in place to trace any accidental contamination from field trials of GM crops. This is evident from the fact that they have not proactively labelled their products GMO free. But, since they have confirmed about their products being GM free, we rank ITC Green. Greenpeace will closely monitor ITC products to check for any deviation from their current stand.

Kellogg India Pvt. Ltd. - Safe Food Rank: Red

Statement on the use of Genetically Modified Foods: Kellogg India has not responded to Greenpeace's communications.

Implication: Since Kellogg India has not confirmed to us in writing, their GMO-free policy, we may have to believe that they have no systems in place to check contamination from the field trials of GM crops. Kellogg's cornflakes contain corn, which is in field trials across the country and may be contaminated by GM strains in the future. Therefore, we rank them Red alerting the consumer to keep an eye out for

Kellogg's products.

MTR Foods Private Limited - Safe Food Rank: Green

Statement on the use of Genetically Modified Foods: We have policy to use 100% natural and hence GE items are unacceptable.

Implication: MTR foods, is the only company in the list of companies Greenpeace contacted, to have confirmed to us a policy to keep their products GM free today and in the future. Yet, it is not certain from their policy, whether they have systems in place to trace any accidental contamination from field trials of GM crops. This is evident, from the fact that they have not proactively labelled their products GMO free. But, since they have confirmed about their policy to commit themselves as GMO free, we rank them Green. We hope they will introduce a GMO free label in their products soon.

Nestle India Ltd. - Safe Food Rank: Red

Statement on the use of Genetically Modified Foods: Nestlé recognises the potential that gene technology has in the long term to improve, the quality, availability and nutritional value of the food. The safety of our products and the ingredients from which they are manufactured are paramount to Nestlé and Nestlé therefore supports a reasonable application of gene technology for food production based on sound scientific research...

Implication: Nestlé, one of the oldest and well known food companies in India, a market leader particularly in the baby food segment, has stated that they believe GM food can improve quality and nutrition of food. This, at the time when the controversies about the safety of such foods are still raging and many governments have taken cautious stands on the issue. Also, it is not clear about the steps Nestlé has taken to prevent accidental contamination as of today when GM foods are illegal. Nestlé India position on GM food is also in stark contrast with its policies in the European Union where it is GM free. Therefore, we rank Nestlé Red and alert the consumer to keep an eye out for the company's products.

Parle Products - Safe Food Rank: Red

Statement on the use of Genetically Modified Foods: Though Parle gave verbal confirmations to Greenpeace about their strict adherence to using non-GM foods in all their products, they have so far failed to confirm the same in writing.

Implication: Since Parle has not confirmed to us in writing, their GMO-free policy, we may have to believe that they have no systems in place to check contamination from the field trials of GM crops. Some of Parle's products, particularly snacks like Musst Bites contain ingredients, which are already in field trials and may be contaminated by GM strains in the future. Therefore, we rank them Red alerting the consumer to keep an eye out for Parle's products.

Pepsico India Holdings, Pvt. Limited - Safe Food Rank: Green

Statement on the use of Genetically Modified Foods: Ingredients used by PepsiCo India Holdings Pvt. Ltd. for beverages and foods manufactured and sold by us are GMO-free we also work very closely with suppliers to ensure that all the ingredients used by PepsiCo India are GMO-free

Implication: Though Pepsi has written to us stating they are GM free as of today, it is not a commitment or a policy that they will continue to abide by forever. In the event of approval of GM crops by the government, they might retract on their current stand and switch to a 'may contain GM foods' stand. PepsiCo states to have a process to ensure that its suppliers are using non GMO products- this would not mean much since it is no clear whether they have systems in place to trace any accidental contamination from field trials of GM crops. They have not proactively labelled their products GMO free either. But, since they have confirmed about their products being GM free, we rank Pepsi Green. Greenpeace will closely monitor Pepsi products to check for any deviation from their current stand.

Ruchi Soya Industries Limited - Safe Food Rank: Green

Statement on the use of Genetically Modified Foods: As specified on the company website: "Ruchi Soya uses only certified Non-GMO seed in all its operations. India, from where all our seed is procured, has an official Non-GMO policy. All Indian crops are by law Non-GMO. Not only does this guarantee, our seed to be pure, but also eliminates the risk of contamination due to crosspollination of crop by scattering pollens from GMO fields. All our products are guaranteed Non-GMO by Cert ID."

Implication: Being a soya exporter, Ruchi soya aims to comply with European Union standards and therefore adopts a strict non-GMO policy. However, Ruchi Soya does not label its products in India, both soya and non soya edible oils as GMO free. We assume, though all its products are probably GM free today, when faced with contamination threats Ruchi might accord the GM free status only to its export products. Thus we alert consumers to watch for Ruchi's policies closely in our consumer guide. Greenpeace will closely monitor Ruchi Soya products to check for any deviation from their current stand

Safal - Safe Food Rank: Red

Statement on the use of Genetically Modified Foods: Safal has not responded to Greenpeace's communications

Implication: Since Safal has not confirmed to us in writing, their GMO free policy, we may have to believe that they have no systems in place to check contamination from the field trials of GM crops. A lot of Safal products, particularly their vegetable produce, that contain ingredients which are in field trials and may be contaminated by GM strains in the future. Therefore, we rank them Red alerting the consumer to watch out for Safal products.