



Adventitious Presence of GM Material in non-GM Seeds

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For approved events, any threshold lower than 1% would be extremely difficult to achieve at a reasonable cost. By approved event we mean any approved event in a country member of the OECD Seed Schemes for deliberate release and/or human consumption, including events approved under part B of the EU regulation.

For non-approved events a 0% threshold is not realistic.

For assessing presence of GM material it is essential to have harmonized and validated methods and the technical committee of an international seed network (ISN) should play a leading role to that end (ISN would be composed of ISF, ISTA, AOSA and OECD). Only results obtained by laboratories duly recognized and/or accredited by national authorities should be taken into consideration.

ISF encourages countries to participate in an experiment in order to find solutions to that important issue, and urges seed companies to join the experiment.