

GM pharma Rice

Dear all;

could you please forward to your state regulatory bodies, including those responsible for Agriculture and the Environment, and the State Governor.

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GM Pharma Rice in California.

The Munlochy GM Vigil represents 6500 consumers on the issue of GM crops and foods.

To this end we are greatly concerned that Genetically Modified Pharmaceutical Rice may be grown in California.

We believe that this may be unsafe in terms of the food chain and human health. We know it is impossible to guarantee 100% segregation. Therefore if this rice is planted in California, we will have no option, but to inform our membership to avoid the purchase of any rice from California. We would also anticipate that this advice would be disseminated far beyond our membership.

Further to this, as we have no idea on what the effects may be on the soil that these crops would be grown in, or what crops would follow in rotation, we would have no option, but to advise our membership to avoid all agricultural produce from California. This would be most unfortunate as Californian food and wine has an excellent reputation. However we would not be acting responsibly if we did not advise our membership due to the unknown and long term health implications that a decision to grow GM Pharma Rice in California would produce.

We hope you seriously consider our position, and hopefully step back from authorising the growth of this product in the open environment.