Using a Trade Agreement to Bully Mexico Into Importing Monsanto-Bayer’s GMO Corn

By Alexis Baden-Mayer, Political Director, OCA:

Mexico has been making bold policy moves against genetically modified crops and the toxic pesticides they were engineered to be grown with, by phasing-out imports of GMO corn and showing its support for food sovereignty, soil regeneration and agroecology. But now Mexico is ceding its national sovereignty to a three-person panel of the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA) under which the United States is challenging its 2023 Corn Decree. Supposedly, Mexico wants food sovereignty and self-sufficiency, but apparently, it values trade with the United States and Canada so much that it is willing to let its democratically enacted laws be superseded by this so-called “free-trade” agreement.

This is an absurd and illegitimate process where, under the dispute settlement provisions of the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement, three trade lawyers will decide whether Mexicans can be forced to eat the United States’ genetically engineered corn, soaked with Monsanto-Bayer’s toxins.


Pesticide Residues in Food Do Not Tell the Full Story on Hazards and the Importance of Organic

Beyond Pesticides reports:

“According to a new analysis by Consumer Reports, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Pesticide Data Program (PDP) Annual Summary has once again failed to accurately portray the safety of some of the most commonly sold fruits and vegetables in the United States. A review of seven years of PDP data show that 20% of the foods tested pose a “high risk” to the public and 12 specific commodities are so dangerous that children or pregnant people should not eat more than one serving per day, according to Consumer Reports analysis. Consumer Reports contend that U.S. Environmental Protection (EPA) pesticide residue tolerances are too lenient.”

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GMO Bio-Imperialism

Dr. Vandana Shiva writes for Navdanya International:

“Over the past few decades, GMO crops have been imposed in countries around the world, touted as a solution to food insecurity and malnutrition crises. However, hunger, disease and malnutrition have increased, while biodiversity has declined and toxics have spread. GMO imperialism has destroyed the lives and livelihoods of small farmers and biodiversity in the centers of origin. These centers of biodiversity origin are the cradles of the world’s food supply and protection against disease, climate challenges, natural disasters or other obstacles to food production.”

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Mexico’s Right to Refuse GMOs

Mexico has banned the domestic production of genetically engineered corn since 2013. In 2023, President Andrés Manuel López Obrador issued a decree banning the use of genetically engineered corn for dough and tortillas. The 2023 Corn Decree additionally directed Mexican biosafety authorities to phase out genetically engineered corn from animal feed and other forms of human consumption.

Mexico doesn’t want to import GMO corn, but using a 2020 so-called “free trade” agreement between Mexico, Canada and the United States, the U.S. thinks it can force it to do so. The U.S. has invoked the dispute settlement provisions of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), which allows them to turn decision-making authority over to a three-person panel, appointed and paid for by the two countries.

Now, three trade-lawyers-for-hire (not actual judges) are arbitrating the dispute. They have been given the power to decide whether the U.S. can force Mexicans to eat Monsanto-Bayer’s pesticide-drenched GMO corn.

TAKE ACTION: Tell the U.S. to Withdraw Its Complaint and Leave It Up to Mexico to Block Monsanto-Bayer’s Pesticide-Drenched GMO Corn! https://orgcns.org/3UwRw4L

Experts Think Turmeric Can Help With Pain

By Jennifer Anandanayagam, Health Digest:

“Taking ibuprofen daily comes with negative side effects. Chronic use of this drug has been associated with gastrointestinal issues like diarrhea, bleeding, nausea, ulcers, and an upset stomach. This is because regular ibuprofen use can affect your gut health. Other health concerns that come with overuse of this NSAID are heart failure, high blood pressure, kidney damage, liver toxicity, and stroke.

With more and more people looking to alternative methods to combat pain with lifestyle practices like yoga, breathing exercises, and overall diet tweaks, one popular spice, in particular, has come to the forefront. We’re referring to the mildly aromatic and deep spicy yellow turmeric.”

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How One Woman’s Mission to ‘Rewild’ Urban Spaces Is Saving Native Bees

Dr. Joseph Mercola writes:

“Pollinator Advocates (PA) is an advocacy program founded by Andrea Montoya to reintroduce thousands of native plants to public spaces around Boulder, Colorado. The goal is to provide wild pollinators with a natural habitat that allows them to thrive for many generations to come. With 35% of the world’s crops and 75% of flowering plants dependent on honeybees and other pollinators to reproduce, this type of advocacy is without a doubt one of the most crucial movements we should actively support.”

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