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## China Announces Requirements for Renewal of GMO Safety Certificates

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**Report Highlights:**

This is an UNOFFICIAL translation of Announcement No. 736 of China's Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) detailing the requirements to renew safety certificates for genetically modified (GM) crops. MOA is adopting procedures for such applications, which it characterizes as simplified, for GM crops being grown domestically or imported for processing purposes.

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**Summary:**

The Ministry of Agriculture published on its web site on November 2 an announcement about the requirements of applications for the renewal of biosafety certificates. The Chinese government procedures for these applications follow. According to the announcement, no additional tests are required for the renewal. The requirements apply to biotech crops being grown domestically or imported for processing purposes.

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**Announcement No. 736 of the Ministry of Agriculture of China**

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Based on the Administrative Measures for Safety Evaluation of Agricultural GMOs, the Ministry has decided to adopt simplified procedures for the renewal of GMO safety certificates. It is hereby announced as follows:

**1. Scope of application:**

The simplified procedures defined in this announcement apply to GMOs having obtained a GMO safety certificate (for production or importation) and requiring continued use in areas specified in the certificate after its expiration. The application procedures defined in MOA announcement No. 410 apply to Bt cotton varieties (trait) that have obtained a safety certificate for production purposes.

**2. Application requirements:**

Applicants may apply for renewal of safety certificates one year before expiration at the administrative review and approval office of the Ministry. The requirements and format of application for renewal remain unchanged (see appendixes of the Administrative Measures for Safety Evaluation of Agricultural GMOs). Ten copies of the application, along with an electronic copy, are needed. Applications materials include:

- 1) Photocopy of the original safety certificate;
- 2) Application form;
- 3) Summary;
- 4) Latest research developments domestically and internationally;
- 5) Supplementary technical documents as required by the original certificate;
- 6) Production scope, effectiveness, safety issues, monitoring and control measures and trade situation.
- 7) Appendixes of safety evaluation;
- 8) Opinions of the GMO safety panel of the applying institution;
- 9) Review opinions of the applicant;
- 10) Opinions of the agricultural department at the provincial level after review.

**3. Other**

The first deadline for accepting applications is March 31 of each year and the second one is September 30 of each year.

After being received by the Ministry, the application will be reviewed by the National Biosafety Committee (twice a year).

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