



## MONSANTO RECEIVES SAFETY CERTIFICATES FROM CHINESE GOVERNMENT FOR BIOTECH IMPORTS

The Chinese government's approval of the final safety certificates for the importation of grain from biotech crops is good news for growers who plant crops improved through biotechnology. China is a very important market for these products. Issuance of these final safety certificates as per the guidelines issued in January 2002 will allow for a more predictable process for traders and continued trade of these biotech products.

### **What do these guidelines require?**

These guidelines require a comprehensive review of the safety assessment studies for all imported biotech events. In addition, traders are required to apply for safety certificates from biotechnology trait developers for use in obtaining approval for import from the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) prior to shipping into the country.

### **Which Monsanto products have been granted safety certificate approvals from the MOA?**

The safety certificates have been granted to individual biotech events. The eight certificates received by Monsanto include those for: Roundup Ready soybeans (40-3-2), Roundup Ready corn (GA21), Roundup Ready corn (NK603), YieldGard<sup>®</sup> Corn Borer (MON 810), YieldGard<sup>®</sup> Rootworm corn (MON 863), Bollgard<sup>®</sup> Cotton (531), Roundup Ready cotton (1445) and Roundup Ready Canola (RT73/GT73).

### **How long are the certificates valid?**

- Certificates for the corn, canola and soybean events listed above are good for 3 years from issue date.
- Certificates for the cotton events listed above are good for 5 years from issue date.

### **How to request final Chinese safety certificates for Monsanto Biotech Events**

1. Contact Monsanto at [www.Monsanto.com](http://www.Monsanto.com), and go to the "Contact Us" section
2. Follow the link: "Trader Request Form"
3. For background information, click on the "Background" link on the e-mail page.
4. Enter the contact information on the e-mail form and press SUBMIT
5. The e-mail acknowledgment page includes a link to a printable version of the "request" form.
6. Print out and complete the forms and fax to the number provided.
7. Fax a copy of your company letterhead to verify company information
8. Your request will be processed and a copy faxed to the requestor when all requirements have been satisfied