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US Department of Justice

Dear US Department of Justice:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments in advance of the Department of Justice's workshops on "Agriculture and Antitrust Enforcement Issues in Our 21st Century Economy."

The same way we protect animal species from extinction, we should protect plant species, especially the tens of thousands of food varieties, from companies like Monsanto that are consciously eliminating them.

I am adding this article from an expert on Genetic Engineering. Thank you.

I urge you to please include in your investigation a consideration of the importance keeping seeds, the foundation of human life, at least in the marketplace, if not in the public domain where they truly belong. newswire article reporting global 20.Aug.2006 09:07

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GMO Disease Epidemics: (14) Mad Cow Disease??  
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Genetic Engineering (GE,GM,GMOs) is a nightmare technology that has already caused MANY disease epidemics -- documented but unpublicized. This is the 14th in a series revealing the epidemics, dealing here with the possibility that Mad Cow Disease resulted primarily from genetically-engineered cattle feed.

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## GMO DISEASE EPIDEMICS:

(14) Mad Cow Disease??

### I. The Face of Frankenstein's Monster

Genetic Engineering Biotechnology (GE, GM, GMOs) evades Evolution's safeguards by injecting genes of one species into a totally unrelated species, something impossible in Nature.

GM evades Evolution's safeguards, and may therefore give rise to PATHOGENS that can -- and HAVE, many times -- caused crippling and deadly DISEASE EPIDEMICS -- documented but unpublicised.

Genetic Engineering is also ideal for developing horrific biological and other military weapons --- sufficient cause to OUTLAW GM.

The Greatest Racket in History (Listen to this !): ---

GM contamination is virulent, spread by wind, bird, insect, animals and travelling human beings. Co-Existence with GM is completely impossible, only fools or liars would say differently.

GM has contaminated crops in areas of North America which dwarf the UK and even Western Europe. Planetary contamination is inevitable, if We don't stop it.

The Biotechnology corporations know oh-so-well how contamination spreads and spreads and spreads.

Now get this: Through their political influence, these Corporations have been able to acquire the obscene, sacrilegious, and indeed revolutionary PATENTS on LIFE-FORMS.

Before these revolutionary Patents on Life, a farmer could have sued -- successfully without any doubt -- the Biotechnology corporation for having contaminated, poisoned his crops.

However, given these Patents on Life (here, on the seeds), the Corporation can -- and DOES, successfully -- sue the victimised farmer for (Hold your nose) "infringement of patent".

[Our tainted, corrupted political systems allow this monstrosity.]

Thus the formula the reader might keep in mind:  
GM Contamination + Patents on Life-Forms equals Corporate Ownership Rights in the crops of victimised farmers.

This formula spells the serfdom and ruin of all small family farmers on this planet. (They are the majority of the population in Asia, Africa, and Latin America).

The Chemical-Drug-Biotechnology syndicate and its Enforcers (corrupted

governments in the West and Third World, corporation-dominated organisations like the WTO, World Bank, IMF) have started a WORLDWIDE AGRICULTURAL REVOLUTION.

They want to destroy small family farming, and have only gigantic Corporate GM Plantations with farmers working as serfs.

[This process is underway, especially in South America where the U.S. Military has begun to intervene on behalf of GM Plantations to crush farmer opposition.]

Already, according to the Research Foundation for Science, Technology and Ecology (RFSTE) in New Delhi, 40,000 farmers in India have committed suicide primarily as a result of the Corporate Enforcers' so-called "free trade" policies --- dumping heavily-subsidised Western farm produce onto glutted Indian markets, pushing GM crops, insisting that Patents on Life-Forms be accepted so farmers must sign contracts with GM Corporations and can no longer save seeds, etc.

The Greatest Racket in History --- GM Contamination + Patents on Life-Forms equals Corporate Proprietary Rights in the crops of victimised farmers, and spells the serfdom and ruin of small family farmers everywhere on this planet.

We MUST OUTLAW GM and PATENTS on LIFE-FORMS -- or else !!  
(e.g. No more organic, healthy food --- you and your children will only be able to eat unsafe GM)

See the Action Plan in Part III designed to OUTLAW GM and PATENTS on LIFE-FORMS. But beforehand, read the next in our series of "GMO Disease Epidemics".

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## II. Genetically-Engineered (??) Mad Cow Disease

Question: Was Mad Cow Disease in important part caused by Genetically-Engineered Animal Feed, especially animal parts from American cows injected with the genetically-engineered Bovine Growth Hormone (rBGH, rBST)?

It is generally believed that animal -- cow and also sheep -- parts given as cheap protein feed to cattle were principally responsible for the catastrophic Mad Cow Disease.

It was rather shocking to find that the disease could jump species, to human beings, and kill.

Reflect for a moment that Genetic Engineering is designed to jump species.

And now read about rBGH, recombinant (genetically engineered) Bovine Growth Hormone.

I ask: Was this genetically-engineered bovine growth hormone, having caused serious diseases in cows whose carcasses were then chopped into

feed, the principal cause of Mad Cow Disease?

The GM cattle growth hormone, rBGH (or rBST), for which Monsanto received Food and Drug Administration approval despite the opposition of FDA scientists, poses serious risks of breast cancer, colon cancer, and prostate cancer. [The chief authority here is the research of Dr. Samuel Epstein, medical doctor and professor of environmental and occupational medicine at the University of Illinois at Chicago's School of Public Health.]

This growth hormone has been widely employed in the U.S. and infested American dairy supplies nearly a decade before it was formally approved by the FDA, and this approval was given, in spite of FDA scientists disapproving the hormone.

In practice, according to scientific evidence, rBGH has been shown to cause numerous serious detrimental effects on the cow, and to be potentially carcinogenic. These effects include mastitis, lesions in the thorax, speeding up of circulation, reduced weight, proliferation of cells in the gut which may lead to tumors, etc.

The animal suffering caused by this unnecessary hormone is simply inexcusable. Prof. Epstein has written: "GE milk is entirely different from natural milk: nutritionally, biochemically, pharmacologically and immunologically. It is also contaminated with pus and antibiotics used to treat mastitis, high levels of the GE hormone, and high levels of the naturally occurring growth factor IGF-1.

"Elevated levels of IGF-1 in GE milk have been strongly associated with high risks of colon, breast and prostate cancers, besides promoting their invasiveness. (emphasis added) "However, in spite of such well-documented scientific evidence, the FDA still authorized the sale and marketing of GE milk in 1984, while blocking any labeling.

"In contrast, both Canada and Europe have banned the sale of GE milk. The USA is now isolated in the reckless and unscientific insistence on the safety of GE milk." [Find extensive coverage of the rBGH issue, including the blatant 'irregularities', malfeasances and non-feasances involving industry, government, and media in the fine book, Seeds of Deception: Exposing Corporate and Government Lies about the Safety of Genetically Engineered Food by Jeffrey M. Smith.

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Sincerely,

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