



News Release

China Issues Safety Certificate for LibertyLink[®] Soybeans

Action represents a significant step toward commercialization of important new soybean technology

Research Triangle Park, N.C. (July 15, 2008) — The Chinese Ministry of Agriculture has granted a safety certificate for LibertyLink[®] soybeans, which clears the way for imports of the soybeans into the country. The receipt of this certificate marks a significant milestone toward the commercialization of LibertyLink soybeans, as China is the largest importer of U.S. soybeans.

“We are very pleased that the Chinese government has cleared LibertyLink soybeans for import,” said Andy Hurst, LibertyLink product manager for Bayer CropScience. “We are well on track to meet our projected commercial launch target of 2009 in the United States.”

Bayer CropScience is committed to securing import authorizations in key soybean importing countries. To date, LibertyLink soybeans are fully approved for food, feed and cultivation in the United States and Canada and for importation and/or cultivation in Argentina, Australia, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Russia, South Africa and Taiwan.

LibertyLink soybeans will bring important benefits and choice to soybean farmers. The LibertyLink trait and Ignite[®] herbicide will be the only non-selective alternative herbicide tolerant system for soybeans that will enable growers to maintain current production practices and rotate herbicide tolerant systems in order to effectively manage weed resistance and preserve the utility of these technologies. The system will also deliver other benefits to growers -- less tillage, labor, fuel and equipment usage; and the ease and convenience of non-selective, post-emergent weed control with excellent crop safety – in competitive, high-yielding varieties.

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