

To: <FoodLabellingReview@health.gov.au>

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Howdy,

Please LABEL ALL GM FOOD – currently oils, sugars and starches from GM crops; products from animals fed GM food; GM additives, processing aids and flavourings; and food from street vendors, takeaways and restaurants do not need to be labelled...

I'm a freelance transgenic pathogen research analyst -- unpaid -- working from Western Australia. I'm not affiliated with any Australian institution/organization. I've been involved in healthcare since the late 1990s, when I then worked with the WA AIDS Council...

I'm not a trained virologist and/or epidemiologist but I do have a basic understanding of both these disciplines as well as other health matters. The unstable nature and effects of genetically modified food vis a vis the recent -- and it is -- emergence of transgenic viruses such as SARS, swine H1N1/2009 and avian H5N1 influenzas, for example...

Many folk, who comprehended the unstable technology of genetically modified organisms in the 1990s (including myself), are not exactly surprised by the recent evolution of swine and avian influenza. The viral or bacterial based technology used to splice many different genes together in a modified crop seed line which will grow when planted has been proven unstable by scientists.

For me, the "backstory" to swine flu begins with the underreported evolutionary tragedy (and it is) of accelerated "horizontal gene transfer and homologous recombination" arising from the 1990s to present American agribusiness release of unstable genetically modified organisms (GMOs) within the global environment.

I discussed this theory further with a sceptic in recent reader postings @ Crof's H5N1 Blog -- Offline again (June 22, 2009)
<http://crofsblogs.typepad.com/h5n1/2009/06/offline-again.html>

The horror-story probability of a high pathogenic transgenic virus is what propelled me into this work in the first place...

In 2006, I got off my ass and contacted the UK Department of Health for simple answers. I then received a written acknowledgement of a "possible link between genetically modified food and avian flu" (see below)

Which is probably why my recent email to Monika Adamova, Media Relations Assistant at the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) has yet to be acknowledged (see below).

Miss Adamova behaves no differently than most public servants the world over. Silence is a political tool...

Cheers Then -- Jonathon