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**INDIA'S REQUIREMENT FOR CERTIFICATE FOR NON-GM ORIGIN
AND GM-FREE STATUS – [SPECIFIC TRADE CONCERN 501](#)**

SUBMISSION BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The following submission, received on 8 November 2021, is the statement made by the United States of America at the 3-5 November 2021 WTO SPS Committee, and is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the United States of America.

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1. The United States once again reiterates its concerns with India's measure mandating "non-GM (genetically modified) origin and GM free certificates" for certain agricultural imports into India, notified on 2 September 2020, as [G/TBT/N/IND/168](#).
 2. The United States has previously raised this issue at the November 2020, March 2021, and July 2021 SPS Committee meetings as documented in [G/SPS/GEN/1865](#), [G/SPS/GEN/1901](#), and [G/SPS/GEN/1940](#).
 3. Also, since January 2021, the United States has sought technical cooperation with the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) and to date has not received a response.
 4. We once again ask that India consider withdrawing this measure or develop alternative approaches that are less trade restrictive. India has not provided scientific justification nor a risk assessment supporting this measure despite numerous requests from multiple trading partners.
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