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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 24 June 2022, is the statement made by the United States of America at the 22-24 June 2022 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 again raises its concerns regarding the Order as previously documented in [G/SPS/GEN/1865](#), [G/SPS/GEN/1901](#), [G/SPS/GEN/1940](#), [G/SPS/GEN/1985](#) and [G/SPS/GEN/2008](#).
 2. Despite numerous requests from the United States and multiple trading partners, India has provided neither scientific justification nor a risk assessment supporting this measure.
 3. The United States notes that India has previously asserted that the Order is not trade restrictive and cited both the compliance of various trading partners and the lack of approvals for GM- and GE-origin crop varieties by its Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee as evidence.
 4. The United States stresses that instances of compliance and a lack of GE approvals do not provide appropriate or adequate justification for the Order, but rather highlight the negative impacts on trade and inefficient biosafety regulation in India.
 5. The United States again reiterates its desire to engage in technical cooperation with FSSAI and urges India to immediately withdraw this temporary measure in favour of an alternative approach that is less trade-restrictive and more consistent with international best practices.
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