

The government of the Canary Islands declares the archipelago free zone of GMOs

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42% of the insular territory is declared as a Natural Space, the highest figure in all the national territory. The government of the Canary Islands has declared the archipelago as a GMO-free region, according to the information facilitated by the Council of the Government in a common proposal from the Regional Ministry of Agriculture, Fishery and Food, The regional Ministry of Environment and the Territorial Planning and Land Management Registry. Also, the council has decided to integrate the Islands in the communitarian forum "The organisation of GMO-Free Regions" to defend in front of the Communitarian Institutions the need for EU regulations which take into consideration the different productive and environmental strategies of the diverse regions of Europe. "It would be highly valued within the National Commission of Bio-security, as general criteria, for the approval of GMO crops in the Canary Islands, the negative impact on the productive strategies of the whole Canaries agricultural sector" expressed the note from the Government.

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