CropLife International Supports U.S. Trade Representative Action Against Mexico

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CropLife International supports the action taken today by the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) to escalate its dispute with Mexico over genetically modified US corn as it requests formal technical consultations under the United States–Mexico–Canada Agreement (USMCA) free-trade agreement.

CropLife International recognizes the work of key trading partners, including the United States and Canada, to resolve trade agreement issues around the import of genetically modified corn by Mexico, and efforts to encourage Mexico to adhere to a science-based, rules-based trading system for agriculture products. However, recent bilateral talks between the US and Mexican governments have made it clear that a formal, technical consultation is necessary to hold Mexico to its commitments under the USMCA and to provide a clear timeline and framework to resolve this issue.

CropLife International agrees with the US government’s position that Mexico’s current agricultural biotechnology policies are not based in evidence, and supports a resolution to the issue that is grounded in the latest scientific research.

We expect that these consultations, announced today by USTR Ambassador Katherine Tai, will lead to a quick resolution of this issue. We will continue to support both the US and Canadian governments in their ongoing efforts to ensure Mexicans have access to innovations necessary to address their food security challenges.

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