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Midwest Food Processors Praise President For Signing GMO Labeling Bill

The Midwest Food Processors Association ([MWFPA](#)) today praised President Barack Obama for signing into law a landmark agreement that protects America's food supply system from the harmful, patchwork effect of varying state food labeling laws.

The historic law will provide consumers with more information than ever before regarding genetically modified ingredients, or GMOs, and ensure a transparent, national and non-stigmatizing system of ingredient disclosure.

"We are grateful that the President quickly signed into law a bill that is crucial for American farmers, consumers and small businesses," said MWFPA President Nick George. "His signature means federal law now preempts state GMO labeling laws and prevents the negative ramifications and havoc of Vermont's law, which went into effect on July 1."

"MWFPA is pleased to have been part of a coalition of over 1,100 food and agricultural groups representing the entirety of our national food supply system from farm to fork. It came together to advocate for a bipartisan solution that sets a national standard giving consumers more ingredient information," said George, adding that: "We look forward to continuing our work with the coalition

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to ensure that, as the law enters the rule making process at USDA, implementation remains in line with Congressional intent.”

The new law will require most food packages to carry a text label, a symbol or an electronic code readable by smartphone that indicates whether the food contains GMOs. Genetically modified ingredients have been proven safe by nearly 2,000 studies from leading scientific bodies worldwide. Included are the World Health Organization and the American Medical Association. Up to 80 percent of the food available in the United States contains genetically modified ingredients.

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