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Legislative Council Secretariat
(Attn : Mr Jove CHAN)
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1 Legislative Council Road
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Dear Mr CHAN,

**Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene
- List of Follow-up Actions**

Genetically Modified Food

At the panel meeting held on 12 March 2013, the Administration was requested to provide information on the breakdown of genetically modified food available on the local market by types and sales volume (Item 11 of the enclosed follow-up actions list). I am authorized to reply as follows:

The Centre for Food Safety does not keep statistics of genetically modified food available on the local market. To facilitate reference by members, please find attached at Annex a list of genetically modified food that have previously been found in Hong Kong.

Yours sincerely,

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for Secretary for Food and Health

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Genetically Modified Food Found Locally

The table below summarised the genetically modified (GM) events that have either been detected by the Government Laboratory or been reported in previous studies conducted by Consumer Council or the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD). Please note that some of the events were detected at low levels, which was probably due to adventitious mixing of GM and non-GM crops during harvest, transportation, processing and storage.

GM Crops	Events	Food Examples
Corn	Bt11	Snack
	Bt176	Snack
	MON810	Snack
	GA21	Snack
	T25 *	Snack
	NK603	Snack
	TC1507	Snack
	MON863	Snack
	MIR604	Snack
	DAS-59122-7	Snack
Soya bean	Roundup Ready	Tofu
	Roundup RReady2Yield (MON89788) *	Soya beverages
	Liberty Link (A2704-12) *	Soya beverages
Papaya #	55-1	Whole food
	Huanong 1	Whole food
	A variety approved for open field trial in Taiwan	Whole food
Canola	Roundup Ready *	Cup noodle

* Detected in previous Consumer Council studies (2000, 2003 or 2011)

These varieties of papaya were found to be imported and/or planted in Hong Kong by the AFCD. In Hong Kong, papaya is widely cultivated for its fruits. While a few organic farmers grow small quantities of organic papaya for the local market, many villagers and subsistence farmers also grow papaya trees in their backyards or in small plantings on farmlands for their own consumption and sell modest surpluses in local markets.

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