

Greenpeace action on Swedish Meats

Stockholm Monday 27 February – Greenpeace activists this morning started an action against the Swedish company Swedish Meats. Greenpeace wants to inform that Swedish Meats has allowed the use of genetically modified animal feed. The in Sweden well known products from Swedish Meats brand Scan can therefore be a result of genetic modification, without information. High on the house facade a banner saying “GMO SCANDAL is displayed – Greenpeace reinterpretation of the famous Scan logo. In addition activists also handed over two tons of GM free soya as a gift to Swedish Meats.

“Through their new policy Swedish Meats are contributing to a dangerous genetical experiment with our environment and food security. Consumers have the right to choose products free from genetical modification. We demand that Swedish Meats goes back to their old policy on GMO free products” says Kathleen McCaughey, GMO spokesperson Greenpeace.

Swedish Meats decision that the animal breeders can use genetically modified feed means that GMO (genetically modified organisms) are sneaking in to the Swedish food production. Though Swedish Meats will not mark their products consumers buying products from Swedish Meats will not know whether the meat is produced with GMO feed.

On January first Swedish Meats gave up their GMO free policy. The argumentation was that none GE food would be much more expensive and harder to find. But the use of GE soja feed means great costs for the environment, and also for farmers and companies producing the feed. The American bio tech company Monsanto, that also developed the GE soja, demands large royalties for their GE soja. A factor Swedish meats doesn't appear to have calculated.

“With our delivery of two tons of none GE feed we want to show Swedish Meats new CEO Åke Modig, that there is plenty of none GE feed. We want to encourage him to reintroduce Swedish meats GE free policy” says Kathleen McCaughey.

The spreading of GMO in the nature can cause serious environmental problems. Scientists have revealed that the mix between natural species already is taking place. The farmer's dependency on chemicals has in many times increased. Serious studies have showed that the diversity of plants and animals has already decreased while cultivating GE plants.

Also the environmental destruction increases as a result of the import of GE feed to Sweden increases. To produce GE soya vast forest areas are being logged in Argentina and Brazil.

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