

LibertyLink Soybeans Approved For Import Into Korea

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Bayer CropScience is pleased to announce it has received LibertyLink® soybean import approval from Korean regulatory authorities. This milestone will enhance the launch of LibertyLink soybeans in the 2009 crop season.

“We are very pleased that LibertyLink soybeans are now cleared for import into Korea,” said Andy Hurst, product manager, Herbicide Tolerant Traits and Ignite® herbicide at Bayer CropScience. “Top-performing LibertyLink varieties combined with Ignite herbicide give soybean growers the only nonselective alternative to glyphosate-tolerant systems. LibertyLink soybeans provide similar over-the-top convenience and management benefits, including a means to avoid or manage weed resistance.”

LibertyLink soybeans are fully approved for food, feed and cultivation in the United States and Canada. Prior to commercialization in December 2008, import approvals were obtained in key export markets with biotech product approval processes, including Australia, China, the European Union, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Philippines, Russia, South Africa and Taiwan.

“This year will be the first planting season since 1996 that farmers have access to new biotech-enhanced soybean traits. LibertyLink soybeans can be planted, harvested, commingled and shipped without restriction,” said ASA president Johnny Dodson, a soybean producer from Halls, Tenn. “LibertyLink soybean technology provides farmers an effective management tool to minimize the selection for herbicide resistant weeds, which will enhance the sustainability of all U.S. soybean production.”

“This inaugural season of LibertyLink soybeans demonstrates the dedication from Bayer CropScience to bring this solution to soybean growers,” Hurst added. “Bayer CropScience continues its commitment to research and development as a leading provider of seed treatments, crop protection products and traits for enhancing productivity and yield.”

Ignite herbicide is now labeled for use on all LibertyLink crops, including corn, cotton, canola and new LibertyLink soybeans. Ignite provides postemergent control, in days vs. weeks, of more than 120 broadleaf weeds and grasses, including ALS- and glyphosate-resistant weeds. △

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