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*'To Champion The Development of Organic
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food and fibre production'*

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Organic Legal Action Class Certification Hearing Delayed

The SOD OAPF would like to notify members of the media that Monsanto and Bayer requested and were granted an adjournment of the Class Certification Hearing for the legal action Hoffman et al. v Monsanto and Bayer, which was to have been held on September 14 and 15, 2004.

The new hearing dates are now November 1 and 2, 2004 if Bayer's lawyer is available, or December 9 and 10 otherwise. The purpose of the adjournment is to allow Monsanto and Bayer time to file additional material to respond to claims that they are legally responsible for volunteer GM canola and for dismantling the Identity Preservation Program ("IPP"). The IPP was implemented by Monsanto and Bayer to coincide with the commercialization of their GM canola lines. It was designed to prevent the contamination of grain destined for export markets. The IPP was dismantled in 1997 after Japan approved the importation of GM canola even though the European Union had not.

Counsel for the organic farmers opposed the adjournment.

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