

New biotech lab offers genetic modification testing

DuPont Qualicon, the United States, a wholly owned subsidiary of DuPont, recently set up a laboratory, which offers testing services to determine if specific genetic modifications are present in food products. The laboratory, located at the DuPont Experimental Station in Wilmington, will provide a precise determination of the percentage of genetically enhanced materials contained in soya- and corn-based products. This will enable food processors to easily and inexpensively monitor supply chains and identify/establish preservation systems to comply with the labelling requirements necessary for some markets. The application of biotechnology to agriculture will bring a broader range of healthier, tastier and more nutritious foods to the market place. (Express Pharma Pulse, 4 May 2000)