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We are a seed company based in the United Kingdom. Much of our brassica seed is purchased from growers in the Willamette Valley, and we supply it to home gardeners all over Europe. If canola is grown there, we will not be able to sell these seeds due to the risk of GM-contamination crossing with the seedstocks, so we will have to stop purchasing it. This will apply to all the other European seed companies equally.

Many of these varieties are unavailable from any other source worldwide, so there is no alternative supply. This is a unique seed producing area, known for the high quality and purity of its seed, and it should not be lost to canola contamination - once planted there will be no going back. We strongly urge ODA to reconsider the implications of the decision it is taking.

Here the regulatory agencies are totally strict about GM contamination. We have to report every single import shipment & it is our responsibility to ensure all seed is completely gm-free. There is no way we could risk importing seed from the area if there was a chance of canola having crossed with it. I am a plant geneticist (MA Plant Sciences, Cambridge) and it is certain that - despite theoretical buffer zones - in practice, there will be crossing with escaped canola into the foundation seed stocks, which will result in low-level adventitious GM genes in all the brassicas produced in the area.

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