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French **Eurofins** German GeneScan Subsidiary Develops DNA Detection Kit

French bioanalytical testing service group **Eurofins** Scientific's German biotech subsidiary, GeneScan Analytics GmbH, has developed in collaboration with two industrial partners which had not been disclosed, a Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) detection kit for an agent for insect protection, called **Herculex**, it was reported on December 18, 2003.

The detection kit, which will be marketed by GeneScan in a short time, will be used to detect the absence, the presence and/or the concentration of **Herculex** in the corn seeds, grains or in derived products.

The protective agent has been approved by the food agencies for the U.S. and Canadian cattle, as well as for imports in Japan, and more recently, in South Korea and South Africa. The agent is also authorised for human food in South Korea, where there has not been yet carried out an approval procedure for animal feed. The product's authorisation in the European Union and other countries is currently in progress.

GeneScan Analytics GmbH, bought by **Eurofins** at the beginning of 2003, specialises in molecular biology and genetically modified organisms (GMO) analysis.

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