

Emphasis On Biotech Soybean Safety During Oil and Fats Conference in Russia

International Marketing consultants in USSEC's European region attended the 6th International "Oil & Fat Complex of Russia: New Aspects of Development" Conference in Moscow. A presentation was made about the current status of soy product usage in feed applications. A special emphasis was placed on the rapid development of biotech crops across the globe and on the safety of biotech soybean varieties and derived products registered in Russia. Contact was made with Yelena Vassilieva, Moscow FAS/USDA Agricultural specialist, to discuss the Russian oil and fat industry - and potential for the purchase and importation of U.S. soy. It was mutually agreed that GC "Sodrugestvo" remains the largest customer for U.S. soy in the region. Russia has imported nearly 1 million metric tons of soy this marketing year.



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