



FLAX COUNCIL OF CANADA

GMO Flax Update 9th October 2009

Corrected

The Flax Council of Canada issues regular GMO Flax Updates to keep producers and industry informed on the actions being taken to resolve the current GMO flax issue. The notices are posted on the Flax Council of Canada's web page: www.flaxcouncil.ca. Readers should refer to Corrected GMO Flax Update 28 September 2009 for background information. Further information can be obtained by contacting Barry Hall, President, Flax Council of Canada at flax@flaxcouncil.ca

Week Ending 9th October:

Today the National Research Council Plant Biotechnology Institute (NRC/PBI) and DNA Landmarks with the support of the Flax Council of Canada have successfully identified two flax genomic sequences which flank the right border ends of the two T-DNA inserts in the CDC Triffid event.

Based on the flanking sequence information, event-specific PCR protocols have been developed and preliminary work demonstrates that the PCR protocols can be further refined and validated to become a robust event-specific PCR test for CDC Triffid in flax seed samples.

The organizations anticipate having a PCR protocol available for validation testing by October 15, 2009.

PBI, on behalf of the Flax Council of Canada (FCC), will be contacting appropriate labs to enlist their participation in the validation process.

The FCC Science Working Group will continue to lead the validation of the CDC Triffid detection method and the development of sampling and sample testing protocols including the development of associated quality assurance protocols.

