Presentation of CRIIGEN

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CRIIGEN - Committee for Research and Independent Information on Genetic Engineering CRIIGEN is an independent non-profit organization of scientific counter-expertise to study GMOs, pesticides and impacts of pollutants on health and environment, and to develop non polluting alternatives. It offers expertise and advice at different levels:

- Legal
- Scientific (health and the environment)
- Sociological
- Technical (labels), and more specifically to measure out GMOs
- And finally at an economic level For citizens, corporations, associations, organizations as well as unions. It is particularly involved in the case of GMOs bringing together a panel of top scientists totally independent of biotechnological companies and governments. One of the main objectives is to reach transparency on blood analyses (crude data) of mammals having eaten GMOs in regulatory tests. In general, transparency is requested on the results of commercial genetic engineering and on the cultivation of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) that might have an impact on the environment and/or health.

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