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SUMMARY REPORT

A.01 Assessment of genetically modified maize Bt11 x MIR162 x MIR604 x 1507 x 5307 x GA21 and subcombinations, for food and feed uses, under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 (application EFSA-GMO-DE-2011-103) - Presentation by EFSA.

EFSA presented the opinion on the application for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified maize Bt11 x MIR162 x MIR604 x 1507 x 5307 x GA21 and subcombinations. No questions were raised by Member States.

B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/2453 as regards the authorisation holders and the representatives.

The draft Decision amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/2453 as regards the authorisation holders and the representatives was presented to the Committee and submitted for vote.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Decisions 2008/730/EC, 2008/837/EC, 2009/184/EC, 2011/354/EU, Implementing Decisions 2012/81/EU, 2013/327/EU, (EU) 2015/690, (EU) 2015/697, (EU) 2015/699, (EU) 2016/1215, (EU) 2017/1208 and (EU) 2017/2451 as regards the authorisation holder and the representative for the placing on the market of genetically modified soybean, cotton, oilseed rape and maize.

The draft Decision amending Decisions 2008/730/EC, 2008/837/EC, 2009/184/EC, 2011/354/EU, Implementing Decisions 2012/81/EU, 2013/327/EU, (EU) 2015/690, (EU) 2015/697, (EU) 2015/699, (EU) 2016/1215, (EU) 2017/1208 and (EU) 2017/2451 as regards the authorisation holder and the representative for the placing on the market of genetically modified soybean, cotton, oilseed rape and maize was presented to the Committee and submitted for vote.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Decisions 2007/305/EC, 2007/306/EC and 2007/307/EC as regards a change of the addressee of the Decisions.

The draft Decision amending Decisions 2007/305/EC, 2007/306/EC and 2007/307/EC as regards a change of the addressee of the Decisions was presented to the Committee and submitted for vote.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Decisions 2008/933/EC, 2009/813/EC, 2009/814/EC and 2010/429/EU and Implementing Decisions 2012/82/EU, 2012/83/EU, 2012/347/EU, 2013/649/EU, (EU) 2015/683, (EU) 2015/684, (EU) 2015/685, (EU) 2015/686, (EU) 2015/687, (EU) 2015/688, (EU) 2015/689, (EU) 2015/693, (EU) 2015/695, (EU) 2015/696, (EU) 2015/700, (EU) 2015/701, (EU) 2015/2279, (EU) 2015/2281, (EU) 2016/1216, (EU) 2016/1217, (EU) 2017/1207, (EU) 2018/1111, (EU) 2018/2045 and (EU) 2018/2046 as regards the representative of the authorisation holder for placing on the market certain genetically modified food and feed in the Union.

The draft Decision amending Decisions 2008/933/EC, 2009/813/EC, 2009/814/EC and 2010/429/EU and Implementing Decisions 2012/82/EU, 2012/83/EU, 2012/347/EU, 2013/649/EU, (EU) 2015/683, (EU) 2015/684, (EU) 2015/685, (EU) 2015/686, (EU) 2015/687, (EU) 2015/688, (EU) 2015/689, (EU) 2015/693, (EU) 2015/695, (EU) 2015/696, (EU) 2015/700, (EU) 2015/701, (EU) 2015/2279, (EU) 2015/2281, (EU) 2016/1216, (EU) 2016/1217, (EU) 2017/1207, (EU) 2018/1111, (EU) 2018/2045 and (EU) 2018/2046 as regards the representative of the authorisation holder was presented to the Committee and submitted for vote.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1113 as regards the representative of the authorisation holder.

The draft Decision amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1113 as regards the representative of the authorisation holder was presented to the Committee and submitted for vote.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.06 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified maize MZHG0JG (SYN-ØØØJG-2), pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

The draft Decision authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified maize MZHG0JG was presented to the Committee and submitted for vote.

Vote taken: No opinion.

Reasons for the negative vote or abstention:

- No agreed national position
- Negative public opinion
- Political reasons
- Risk assessment deemed not sufficient

Written statement issued by Sweden:

“The authorization of placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified maize is on the agenda on the meeting mentioned above. The authorization does not include cultivation. Maize MZHGOJG is tolerant to glufosinate-ammonium-based herbicides.

The Swedish Board of Agriculture and the National Food Agency make the same conclusion as stated by Efsa i.e. this product is safe for human and animal health as well as for the environment. Sweden therefore votes in favour of granting the product authorization according to the Commission proposal.

This does not preclude the Swedish vote on a possible future granting of authorization of cultivation of seeds that are tolerant to glufosinate-ammonium.

Glufosinate-ammonium is classified as a substance toxic for reproduction in category 1B which means that it does not fulfil the approval criteria for active substances according to the Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009.

In our view, potential use and cultivation of genetically modified organisms in Sweden should not have a negative effect on biodiversity and, as far as possible, not lead to an increased use of pesticides.”

As a consequence, the Chair informed the Committee that the draft Decision will be submitted to the Appeal Committee.

B.07 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision renewing the authorisation for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified cotton LLCotton25 (ACS-GHØØ1-3) pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

The draft Decision renewing the authorisation for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified cotton LLCotton25 was presented to the Committee and submitted for vote.

Vote taken: No opinion.

Reasons for the negative vote or abstention:

- No agreed national position
- Negative public opinion
- Political reasons
- Risk assessment deemed not sufficient

Written statement issued by Sweden:

“The authorization of placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified cotton LLCotton25 is on the agenda on the meeting mentioned above. The authorization does not include cultivation. CottonLL25 is tolerant to glufosinate-ammonium-based herbicides.

The Swedish Board of Agriculture and the National Food Agency make the same conclusion as stated by Efsa i.e. this product is safe for human and animal health as

well as for the environment. Sweden therefore votes in favour of granting the product authorization according to the Commission proposal.

This does not preclude the Swedish vote on a possible future granting of authorization of cultivation of seeds that are tolerant to glufosinate-ammonium.

Glufosinate-ammonium is classified as a substance toxic for reproduction in category 1B which means that it does not fulfil the approval criteria for active substances according to the Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009.”

As a consequence, the Chair informed the Committee that the draft Decision will be submitted to the Appeal Committee.

B.08 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision renewing the authorisation for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified soybean MON 89788 (MON-89788-1) pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

The draft Decision authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified soybean MON 89788 was presented to the Committee and submitted for vote.

Vote taken: No opinion.

Reasons for the negative vote or abstention:

- No agreed national position
- Negative public opinion
- Political reasons
- Risk assessment deemed not sufficient

As a consequence, the Chair informed the Committee that the draft Decision will be submitted to the Appeal Committee.

M.01 Detection of the GM production strain in fermentation products for feed additives.

In relation with the proposal of analytical methods to be provided by the applicants under Regulation (EC) No 429/2008¹, two Member States expressed their views regarding the sensitivity of analytical methods for the detection of the GM production strain in fermentation products for feed additives. The Commission reiterated that Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 applies to any food and feed produced by fermentation using a GM microorganism (GMM) as production strain, when the GMM is present in the final product, totally or partially, whether alive or not (as clarified in the Standing Committee of 24 September 2004²).

¹ Discussed during the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed, Section Animal Nutrition of 5 - 6 February 2019, summary report is available at:

https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/animals/docs/reg-com_ani-nutrit_20190205_sum.pdf

² Summary report is available at: https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/plant/docs/sc_modif-genet_summary03_en.pdf