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**Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed**

***Section Genetically Modified Food and Feed***

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**A.01 Post-market environmental monitoring plan for genetically modified crops – Presentation by operators and the Commission and discussion.**

Following the discussion at the meeting of 28 February 2024 on post-market environmental monitoring (PMEM) in the context of GMO applications for food and feed uses, the industry (authorisation holders) and operators involved in the trade and handling of GM crops presented the usual measures to implement environmental monitoring activities and answered questions from Member States.

The Commission presented a draft document providing information on the usual methodologies and measures used by operators to limit the exposure to the environment of GMOs in the context of the general surveillance of their monitoring activities and informed the Member States that this draft document could, if the Committee supports such an approach, become an annex of the PMEM plan. This would address EFSA recommendations and requests from some Member States for more detail about how the monitoring plans are applied.

Some Member States supported that the document would be an annex to the PMEM plan. One Member State also provided specific feedback to the document.

Member States were invited to submit written comments on the proposed approach and on the draft document. A follow-up discussion will continue at the forthcoming committee meeting.

**A.02 Rules of Procedure of the PAFF Committee - Information from the Commission.**

Draft rules of procedure for the PAFF committee were presented to the committee. No Member State raised questions.

The committee was informed that the draft rules will be submitted to a vote in one of the sections of the committee during a forthcoming meeting.

**B.01 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 genetically modified soybean MON 87705 × MON 87708 × MON 89788, 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 87705 × MON 87708 × MON 89788 was presented to the Committee.

No Member State raised questions.

**Vote taken:** No opinion

Reasons for negative vote or abstention:

- No agreed national position
- Negative public opinion
- Precautionary principle
- Scientific reasons
- Political reasons

Consequently, the Chair informed the Committee that the draft Decision will be submitted to the Appeal Committee.