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SUMMARY REPORT OF THE APPEAL COMMITTEE

Genetically Modified Food and Feed

28 NOVEMBER 2014

Chair: Ladislav Miko

27 Member States were present, ES was absent and not represented.

For external reasons Spain arrived too late to the meeting and was therefore counted as not represented for the votes, but informed the Commission that their position from the Standing Committee on 24 October 2014 remained unchanged.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Chair explained the interpretation regime for the Appeal Committee. The agenda was adopted without amendments.

Before proceeding to the discussions and vote, the Chair underlined the importance of reaching an agreement on the proposal for amendment of Directive 2001/18/EC as regards the possibility for the Member States to restrict or prohibit the cultivation of genetically modified organisms in their territory.

2. Draft Commission Implementing Decision authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified cotton LLcotton25xGHB614 (BCS-GH002-5xACS-GH001-3) pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003

The draft Decision authorising the placing on the market of genetically modified cotton LLcotton25xGHB614 was presented and submitted to the Committee for an opinion.

Result of the vote: no opinion

Reasons for the negative vote or abstention:

- No agreed national position
- Negative public opinion
- Political reasons
- Risk assessment deemed not sufficient
- Scientific doubts on the impact of glyphosate residues on animal health
- The Regulation on GM food and feed is not considered as the right legal basis to authorise products other than food and feed containing and consisting of GMOs

In the light of Article 4(6) of the Rules of procedure of the Appeal Committee, the Chair informed the members of the Committee that the file would be submitted to the Commission for adoption.

3. Draft Commission Implementing Decision authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified oilseed rape MON88302 (MON-88302-9) pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003

The draft Decision authorising the placing on the market of genetically modified oilseed rape MON88302 was presented and submitted to the Committee for an opinion. A Member State changed its position from the Standing Committee meeting on 24 October 2014.

Result of the vote: no opinion

Reasons for the negative vote or abstention:

- Not agreed national position
- National risk assessment not completed
- Negative public opinion
- Political reasons
- Risk assessment deemed not sufficient
- Scientific doubts on the impact of glyphosate residues on animal health
- The Regulation on GM food and feed is not considered as the right legal basis to authorise products other than food and feed containing and consisting of GMOs
- Post market environmental plan deemed not detailed enough

In the light of Article 4(6) of the Rules of procedure of the Appeal Committee, the Chair informed the members of the Committee that the file would be submitted to the Commission for adoption.

4. Draft Commission Implementing Decision authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified cotton MON89913 (MON-88913-8) pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003

The draft Decision authorising the placing on the market of genetically modified cotton MON89913 was presented and submitted to the Committee for an opinion.

Result of the vote: no opinion

Reasons for the negative vote or abstention:

- Not agreed national position
- National environmental risk assessment not completed
- Negative public opinion
- Political reasons
- Risk assessment deemed not sufficient

- Scientific doubts on the impact of glyphosate residues on animal health
- The Regulation on GM food and feed is not considered as the right legal basis to authorise products other than food and feed containing and consisting of GMOs
- Post market environmental plan deemed not detailed enough

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