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SUMMARY RECORD OF THE APPEAL COMMITTEE

Genetically Modified Food and Feed

6 JULY 2023

Chair: Klaus BEREND

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted without amendments.

2. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision authorising for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified maize GA21 x T25, pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council

The Chair introduced the draft Decision authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified maize GA21 x T25, which was the same as that presented to the Standing Committee on 1 June 2023.

The Chair asked whether any Member State had changed its position or whether Member States had any further comments.

No Member State raised questions and therefore the Committee proceeded with the vote.

Vote taken: no opinion.

Reasons for the negative vote or abstention:

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

Declaration provided by Sweden:

“The authorisation of placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified the maize GA21 × T25 is on the agenda for this meeting. The authorisation does not include cultivation. The maize GA21 × T25 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 authorisation according to the Commission proposal.

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

The chair informed the members of the Committee that, in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011, it is now for the Commission to decide on this authorisation.

3. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision authorising for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified maize MON 87419, pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council

The Chair introduced the draft Decision authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified maize MON 87419, which was the same as that presented to the Standing Committee on 1 June 2023.

The Chair asked whether any Member State had changed its position or whether Member States had any further comments.

No Member State raised questions and therefore the Committee proceeded with the vote.

Vote taken: no opinion.

Reasons for the negative vote or abstention:

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

Declaration provided by Sweden:

“The authorisation of placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified the maize MON 87419 is on the agenda for this meeting. The authorisation does not include cultivation. The maize MON 87419 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 authorisation according to the Commission proposal.

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

The chair informed the members of the Committee that, in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011, it is now for the Commission to decide on this authorisation.

Electronically signed
Klaus Berend
Director (acting)