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SUMMARY REPORT OF THE APPEAL COMMITTEE

Genetically Modified Food and Feed

6 FEBRUARY 2015

Chair: Ladislav Miko

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Chair explained the interpretation regime for the Appeal Committee. The agenda was adopted with the addition of one A.O.B. point.

2. Draft Commission Implementing Decision authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified soybean MON87769 (MON-87769-7) pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003

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Legal Basis: Article 7(3), and Article 19(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council

Procedure: Examination procedure

The draft Decision authorising the placing on the market of genetically modified soybean MON87769 (MON-87769-7) was presented and submitted to the Committee for an opinion.

A Member State asked about the reason to exclude this nutritionally enhanced GMO from the scope of Regulation (EC) No 258/97 on novel foods and novel food ingredients. It was explained that since the entry into force of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003, GMOs are no longer in the scope of Regulation (EC) No 258/97. Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 ensures a comprehensive risk assessment of all GM food and feed and the nutritional assessment done within its framework is not of a different quality.

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
- Precautionary principle
- 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 files would be submitted to the Commission for adoption.

3. A.O.B.

Some representatives expressed dissatisfaction about the difficult access to the building. The Commission will explore how to improve this issue.

The Chair informed that following President Junckers declaration, a review of the authorisation process for GMOs is on-going with the aim to better ensure that the majority view of Member States is taken into account. The aim is to present a proposal by the end of April 2015.