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SUMMARY RECORD OF THE APPEAL COMMITTEE

Genetically Modified Food and Feed

29 MAY 2024

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 renewing the authorisation for placing on the market of feed containing, consisting of and of food and feed products produced from genetically modified maize MON 810, pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/1207

The Chair introduced the draft Decision renewing the authorisation for the placing on the market of feed containing, consisting of and of food and feed products produced from genetically modified maize MON 810 and repealing Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/1207, which was the same as that presented to the Standing Committee on 26 April 2024.

The Chair asked whether any Member State had any further questions or comments.

No Member State raised questions, while one Member State indicated a change of position.

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

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 the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified maize DP-023211-2, 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 DP-023211-2, which was the same as that presented to the Standing Committee on 26 April 2024.

The Chair asked whether any Member State had any further questions or comments.

No Member State raised questions, while one Member State indicated a change of position.

The Committee proceeded with the vote.

Vote taken: no opinion.

Reasons for the negative vote or abstention:

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

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.

Declaration provided by Sweden:

- "The authorisation of placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified the maize DP-023211-2 is on the agenda for this meeting. The authorisation does not include cultivation. The maize DP-DP-023211-2 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."

4. 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 DP-915635-4, 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 DP-915635-4, which was the same as that presented to the Standing Committee on 26 April 2024.

The Chair asked whether any Member State had any further questions or comments.

No Member State raised questions, while one Member State indicated a change of position.

The Committee proceeded with the vote.

Vote taken: no opinion.

Reasons for the negative vote or abstention:

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

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.

Declaration provided by Sweden:

- "The authorisation of placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified the maize DP-915635-4 is on the agenda for this meeting. The authorisation does not include cultivation. The maize DP-915635-4 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."

Klaus Berend Director