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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**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 from genetically modified maize Bt11 × MIR162 × MIR604 × MON 89034 × 5307 × GA21 and thirty sub-combinations, 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 maize Bt11 × MIR162 × MIR604 × MON 89034 × 5307 × GA21 and its sub-combinations 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

Declaration provided by Sweden:

*“The authorisation of placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified the maize Bt11 × MIR162 × MIR604 × MON 89034 × 5307 × GA21 and 30 sub-combinations is on the agenda for this meeting. The authorisation does not include cultivation. The maize Bt11 × MIR162 × MIR604 × MON 89034 × 5307 × GA21 and 30 sub-combinations are 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.”*

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

**B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision renewing the authorisation for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified oilseed rapes Ms8, Rf3 and Ms8 × Rf3 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council.**

The draft Decision renewing the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified oilseed rapes Ms8, Rf3 and Ms8 × Rf3 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

Declaration provided by the Netherlands:

*“Monitoring (general surveillance) on unexpected effects of adventitious populations of GM oilseed rape along inland transport routes (such as railway tracks), where regular application of the herbicide to which the GM oilseed rape is tolerant takes place, is an important issue for the Netherlands. Since the monitoring plan has not been amended to take this into consideration, the Netherlands urge the European Commission to shape this monitoring of oilseed rape in Europe by other means. Monitoring should be proportional to the risks and the amount of inland transport actually taking place. The Netherlands prefers simple measures, using few resources but resulting in adequate information.”*

Declaration provided by Sweden:

*“The authorisation of placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified the rapeseed Ms8, Rf3 and Ms8 × Rf3 is on the agenda for this meeting. The authorisation does not include cultivation. The rapeseed Ms8, Rf3 and Ms8 × Rf3 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.”*

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