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SUMMARY REPORT

A.01 Statement complementing the EFSA Scientific Opinion on application (EFSA-GMO-NL-2010-85) for authorisation of food and feed containing, consisting of and produced from genetically modified soybean MON 87769 × MON 89788 – Presentation by EFSA.

EFSA presented the statement complementing its opinion on the application for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified soybean MON 87769 × MON 89788. No questions were raised by the Member States.

A.02 Assessment of genetically modified oilseed rape 73496 for food and feed uses, under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 (application EFSA-GMO-NL-2012-109) – Presentation by EFSA.

EFSA presented the opinion on the application for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified oilseed rape 73496. No questions were raised by the Member States.

A.03 Assessment of genetically modified cotton GHB811 for food and feed uses, under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 (application EFSA-GMO-ES-2018-154) – Presentation by EFSA.

EFSA presented the opinion on the application for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified cotton GHB811. No questions were raised by the Member States.

A.04 Assessment of genetically modified cotton GHB614 for renewal authorisation under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 (application EFSA-GMO-RX-018) – Presentation by EFSA.

EFSA presented the opinion on the application for the renewal of the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified cotton GHB614. No questions were raised by the Member States.

A.05 Teosinte: information from the Commission.

The Commission summarised the ongoing work of EFSA and the Commission on this topic and informed the Committee about the plans of updating of EFSA's technical report on teosinte¹. In view of feeding into EFSA's work, the Commission asked the Member States to provide any relevant information by the end of October.

A.06 Emergency measure on rice from China (Decision 2011/884/EU): Reporting of Member States' controls in TRACES-NT.

The Commission recalled this was a follow-up of the discussion held at the Committee meeting on 19 April 2021 (point A.05). The Commission presented its analysis of the reasons for discrepancies between the information on controls received directly from the Member States and extracted from TRACES. The Commission asked the Member States to continue reporting their controls by email until the end of the year. Starting in 2022, the data will be extracted from TRACES-NT.

A Member State proposed a number of amendments to Implementing Decision 2011/884/EU.

The Commission committed to consider the issues raised and to come back to them at one of the forthcoming meetings of the Committee.

A.07 Food and feed resulting from fermentation with genetically modified microorganisms in contained used - Discussion.

The Commission referred to previous discussions about the presence of traces of DNA of unauthorised GMOs in food and feed ingredients resulting from fermentation, and the recent requests from certain Member States to address it. It invited all Member States to express their views. Several Member States asked for a legal interpretation of the status of these products under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003, and several Member States asked for a dedicated working group meeting on this matter. Some Member States were of the view that if no living organisms are present in the fermentation product, the latter should not be considered as GM food or feed. Of these, one considered that the 2006 Commission report had clarified that processing aids are out of the scope of the Regulation and this needs to be taken into account. Other Member States noted that the presence of DNA fragments in food or feed can be an indication of unauthorised GM food or feed. The Commission concluded by acknowledging the need to continue this discussion and indicated it would consider the request to organise a dedicated meeting.

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 soybean GMB151 (BCS-GM151-6) pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

The Commission informed the Member States that the draft Decision was removed from the agenda as EFSA informed the Commission it needed to update its opinion due

¹ [Relevance of new scientific evidence on the occurrence of teosinte in maize fields in Spain and France for previous environmental risk assessment conclusions and risk management recommendations on the cultivation of maize events MON810, Bt11, 1507 and GA21 - 2016 - EFSA Supporting Publications - Wiley Online Library](#)

to a technical issue. The draft decision will be presented and submitted to a vote in a forthcoming meeting of the Committee.

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/1215 as regards the authorisation holder and its representative in the Union for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified soybean FG72.

The draft Decision amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/1215 as regards the authorisation holder and its representative in the Union for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified soybean FG72 was presented to the Committee.

The Committee agreed to vote in written procedure in accordance with Article 3(5) of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011.

Vote taken by written procedure: Favourable opinion.

M.01 Origin of rice flour in RASFF cases 2021.3982 and 2021.3259

One Member State raised recent incidents of rice flour containing traces of genetically modified material and asked the Member States involved to investigate the exact origin of the rice flour in these cases. The Commission reminded national authorities to report in RASFF all relevant information on traceability and measures taken and recalled the need to take measures in response to unauthorised products.

M.02 Notification by a Member State of traces of GT73 in conventional seed lot of oilseed rape.

The Commission drew the attention of the Committee to a Member State's notification about the low-level presence of GT73 oilseed rape in conventional seed lots. The Member States involved have reported their measures taken to terminate the unauthorised release and placing on the market.

M.03 Approach for the assessment of double transformations.

One Member State expressed interest in EFSA's ongoing work on the assessment of applications containing double transformations. The Commission indicated it would pass on the information to EFSA.

M.04 Update on NGT work.

Two Member States asked for an update on the inception impact assessment and high-level event concerning the policy initiative on plants obtained through targeted mutagenesis and cisgenesis. The Commission informed the Member States that the inception impact assessment would be published shortly on the Commission's website and be open for comments for four weeks. It confirmed the announced conference on 29 November 2021 as well.