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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 17 JULY 2017
(Section Genetically Modified Food and Feed)**

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A.01 Scientific Opinion on an application for placing on the market of a herbicide-tolerant genetically modified cotton MON 88701 for food and feed uses, import and processing under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 - Presentation by EFSA.

EFSA presented the opinion on application for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified herbicide-tolerant cotton MON 88701 under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003. The presentation also addressed comments made by Member States during the three months consultation period. No question was raised during the Committee meeting.

A.02 Scientific opinion on an application for renewal of authorisation for continued marketing of maize 59122 and derived food and feed submitted under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 - Presentation by EFSA.

EFSA presented the opinion on application for the renewal of authorisation for continued marketing of maize 59122 and derived food and feed submitted under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003. The presentation also addressed comments made by Member States during the three months consultation period. One Member State made a comment about assessing a gene expression level that could be affected by the event insertion. EFSA replied that this aspect has been considered during the original risk assessment: the Panel agreed that the gene expression would not be affected by the event insertion.

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 DAS-44406-6 pursuant to Regulation (EC) 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 soybean DAS-44406-6 was presented to the Committee and submitted for a vote.

Reasons for the negative vote or abstention:

- No agreed national position
- Negative public opinion
- Political reasons
- Risk assessment deemed not sufficient

Written statement issued by SE

The authorisation of placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified soy DAS-44406-6 is on the agenda for this meeting. The authorisation does not include cultivation. Soy DAS-44406-6 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.

As a consequence, the Chair informed the Committee that the draft Decision will be submitted to the Appeal Committee.

Vote taken: No opinion

B.02 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 FG72 x A5547-127 pursuant to Regulation (EC) 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 soybean FG72 x A5547-127 was presented to the Committee and submitted for a vote.

Reasons for negative vote or abstention:

- No agreed national position
- Negative public opinion
- Political reasons
- Risk assessment deemed not sufficient

Written statement issued by SE

The authorisation of placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified soy FG72 x A5547-127 is on the agenda for this meeting. The authorisation does not include cultivation. Soy FG72 x A5547-127 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.

As a consequence, the Chair informed the Committee that the draft Decision will be submitted to the Appeal Committee.

Vote taken: No opinion

M.01 Transit of non-authorized GMOs

One Member State informed the Committee of a request by an operator for "introduction/transit" of a feed additive containing a non-authorized GMO for use in feed/food with the aim of exporting it to a third country, and asked about the legislative framework that would apply to such a case.

The Commission referred to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 and explained that an analysis of whether the activity could be considered as "placing on the market" under the Regulation would be needed in order to determine applicability of the GMO authorisation requirements. In addition, the Commission also made reference to the possible application of the provisions on the transit of GMOs set out by Regulation (EC) No 1946/2003 on the transboundary movements of GMOs.

The Commission and other Member States explained that more information was needed in order to understand the operator's envisaged activity on the EU territory. The Member State agreed that it was necessary to gather further information on the specific case and then inform the other Member States and Commission.

M.02 Events

The Commission invited Member States to inform by 31 July about the names of two experts per Member State to participate in the Conference on modern biotechnologies in agriculture to be held on 28 September 2017 in Brussels, who should be reimbursed for the travel costs, as confirmed registrations are already very high.

Austria informed the Committee about a Conference on risk assessment of new breeding techniques organised by the Austrian Environment Agency on 17 October 2017.