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SUMMARY RECORD OF THE APPEAL COMMITTEE

Genetically Modified Food and Feed

14 JANUARY 2019

Chair: Sabine Jülicher

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 amending Decision 2013/327/EU as regards the renewal of the authorisation to place on the market feed containing or consisting of 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 Chair introduced the draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Decision 2013/327/EU as regards the renewal of the authorisation to place on the market feed containing or consisting of genetically modified oilseed rapes Ms8, Rf3 and Ms8 × Rf3, which was the same as that presented to the Standing Committee on 3 December 2018.

The Chair established whether any Member State had changed its position or whether Member States had any further comments. No Member State raised questions and therefore the draft was put up for vote.

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

Sweden made the following declaration:

"The authorization of placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified oilseed rapes and genetically modified cotton mentioned above is on the agenda for the meeting of the Appeal Committee on 14 January 2019. The proposed authorizations do not include cultivation. The GM-oilseed rapes Ms8, Rf3, Ms8xRf3 and the GM-cotton GHB614xLLCotton25xMON15985 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. that the products are safe for human and animal health as well as for the environment. Sweden therefore votes in favor of granting the products authorization in accordance with the Commission's proposal.

This does not preclude the Swedish vote on a possible future granting of authorization of cultivation of seeds that are tolerant to glufosinate-ammonium.

Glufosinate-ammonium is classified as a substance toxic for reproduction in category 1B which means that it does not fulfil the approval criteria for active substances according to the Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009.

In our view, potential use and cultivation of genetically modified organisms in Sweden should not have a negative effect on biodiversity and, as far as possible, not lead to an increased use of pesticides."

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 5307 (SYN-Ø53Ø7-1), pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council on genetically modified food and feed.

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