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SUMMARY REPORT

A.01 Update of environmental risk assessment conclusions and risk management recommendations of EFSA (2016) on EU teosinte – Presentation by EFSA.

EFSA presented the statement on teosinte published on 1 April 2022, which updates the environmental risk assessment conclusions and risk management recommendations of its previous statement from 2016.

The two Member States where teosinte has emerged provided information on follow-up on the recommendations of EFSA on EU teosinte.

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 DP4114 × MON 810 × MIR604 × NK603 and genetically modified maize combining two or three of the single events DP4114, MON 810, MIR604 and NK603, 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 DP4114 × MON810 × MIR604 × NK603 and its sub-combinations was presented to the Committee.

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 authorization of placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified maize is on the agenda on the meeting mentioned above. The authorization does not include cultivation. GM-maize majsen DP4114 × MON 810 × MIR604 × NK603 (and subcombinations of two or three of DP4114, MON 810, MIR604 and NK603) 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 authorization according to the Commission 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 has very serious properties and 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.”

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

M.01 Release of unauthorised GM events.

One Member State informed on unauthorised release of several GM oilseed rape events and indicated that a note on the situation will be provided to the Committee.