

# Oilseed rape T45

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**Organisation:** European GMO-free Citizens [*De Gentechvrije Burgers*]

**Country:** The Netherlands

**Type:** Others...

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**a. Assessment:**

**b. Food Safety Assessment:**

**Toxicology**

Extract from a letter from Ms Eijsten, reproduced with permission. ‘This letter concerns the glufosinate-ammonium-based herbicide (GLA). Our bodies are not only exposed to the active substance GLA, but also to the ‘inerts’ of this formulation, including propanediol (propylene glycol) and AES (alkyl ether sulphate), formaldehyde (as a contaminant in the production of propanediol, and present in glyphosate). It is well known that the herbicide in herbicide-resistant maize – resistant to Liberty herbicide – is acetylated in the plant is reconstituted to the original herbicide in the gut of livestock and consequently ends up in their blood, meat and glands (milk) via the pores in their gut. Note: various types of livestock have pores of different sizes...(large intestine).’ <https://www.gentechvrij.nl/dossiers/archief-lily-eijsten/bezwaarschrift-tegen-besluit-tot-toelating-van-het-bestrijdingsmiddel-liberty-onder-nr-8906n/>

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## 4. Conclusions and recommendations

This genetically modified rapeseed has not been cultivated since 2005 but is nevertheless occasionally still found in normal rapeseed. Our view is as follows: Approving it for the EU market in terms of food and feed prevents claim being brought against Bayer if it is still found in food. See also: French and German farmers destroy [rapeseed] crops after GMOs found in Bayer seeds: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-france-gmo-bayer/french-german-farmers-destroy-crops-after-gmos-found-in-bayer-seeds-idUSKCN1PV1RG> COGEM: ‘The requested authorisation covers import and processing of T45 resulting from the commercialisation of T45 in other countries until 2005 (adventitious presence). COGEM is of the opinion that the adventitious presence of T45 in commodity rapeseed poses a negligible risk to the environment in the Netherlands.’

We disagree with this; see the link above.

T45 should no longer be approved merely on the grounds that it will then not be possible for claims to be brought against the producer. This is the world gone topsy-turvy, manufacturers are protected but not members of the public. Glufosinate-ammonium (GLA) is, moreover,

extremely toxic, as we have reported on several occasions. Yet you still keep on simply approving this genetically-modified rapeseed, it's unbelievable! We don't want it!

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#### **6. Labelling proposal**

None, do not approve this product!

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Additional comment. We are also making this complaint on behalf of the Ekopark Foundation in Lelystad, and Ms Wieteke van Dort of The Hague.

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