

Comments from the public: MON 88017 maize

Organisation: None
Country: United Kingdom
Type: Individual

a. Assessment:

b. Food Safety Assessment:
Toxicology

I am an ordinary member of the public and I stumbled across this section of the EU website by chance.

I must comment as I am alarmed at the number of these applications, when it's clear that the European public has consistently given a resounding NO to GMOs in crops and food. Anyone who pays attention to the news feeds will know that the scientific evidence to date is not good, on a whole host of human and animal health issues, from organ damage, to fertility problems and even mortality. This does not bode well in the human food chain at all.

3. Environmental risk assessment

I am also concerned for the environmental aspect. GMOs pose a huge and irreversable risk to our hugely valuable environment and this pollution should not be allowed.

5. Others

One other thing I would add is that the way this mechanism is organised is not good. Interested parties should at least be notified or alerted when these invitations for comment are published. I wouldn't call it transparent as it stands.

6. Labelling proposal

I for one, and everyone I know agrees, that they would NOT knowingly put GMOs in their shopping basket. This is why labelling is such a huge issue, and one that I personally think needs to be seriously looked at again, given currently hidden things like animal feed and GMOs in wine yeast.

Organisation: Local authority

Country: Sweden

Type: Others...

a. Assessment:

5. Others

Eskilstuna Kommun serves more than 21.000 lunchservings/portions a day, in schools and eldercare. As responsible for the food quality we act according to the principle of caution of unknown production methods, ingredients and so on. Therefore, Eskilstuna Kommun, has chosen not to serve food produced with or including GMO ingredients.