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SUMMARY REPORT

A.01 Assessment of genetically modified soybean GMB151 for food and feed uses, under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 (application EFSA-GMO-NL-2018-153) – Update by EFSA.

EFSA updated the Member States on the opinion on the application for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified soybean GMB151. No questions were raised by Member States.

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 oilseed rape 73496 (DP-Ø73496-4) 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 oilseed rape 73496 (DP-Ø73496-4) was presented to the Committee.

The Committee agreed to vote in written procedure in accordance with Article 3(5) of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011.

Vote taken by written procedure: No opinion.

Reasons for negative vote or abstention:

- No agreed national position
- Negative public opinion
- Scientific reasons
- Political reasons

Written statement issued by the Netherlands:

“Monitoring (general surveillance) on unexpected effects of adventitious populations of GM oilseed rape along inland transport routes (such as railway tracks), where regular application of the herbicide to which the GM oilseed rape is tolerant takes place, is an important issue for the Netherlands. Since the monitoring plan has not been

amended to take this into consideration, the Netherlands urge the European Commission to shape this monitoring of oilseed rape in Europe by other means. Monitoring should be proportional to the risks and the amount of inland transport actually taking place. The Netherlands prefers simple measures, using few resources but resulting in adequate information.”

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

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 cotton GHB811 (BCS-GH811-4), 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 cotton GHB811 (BCS-GH811-4) was presented to the Committee.

The Committee agreed to vote in written procedure in accordance with Article 3(5) of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011.

Vote taken by written procedure: No opinion.

Reasons for negative vote or abstention:

- No agreed national position
- Negative public opinion
- Scientific reasons
- Political reasons

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

M.01 Fact finding mission on NGTs in Member States

The Commission informed the Member States about fact-finding missions in two Member States on new genomic techniques taking place early 2022. The objective is to gather information on the implementation of controls on organisms and products obtained through new genomic techniques and to identify good practices or difficulties encountered in this regard, where the result of the study could assist other Member States in addressing the issue.

Member States will be invited to nominate national experts interested in participating in those fact-finding missions.

One Member States asked if any other missions are planned for 2022. The Commission stated that those two missions are the only ones planned for 2022 in the GMO area.