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SUMMARY RECORD OF THE APPEAL COMMITTEE

Genetically Modified Food and Feed

15 MAY 2018

Chair: Céline Gauer

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 authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified maize 1507 × 59122 × MON 810 × NK603, and genetically modified maize combining two or three of the single events 1507, 59122, MON 810 and NK603 and repealing Decisions 2009/815/EC, 2010/428/EU and 2010/432/EU.

The Chair introduced the draft Commission Implementing Decision authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified maize 1507 × 59122 × MON 810 × NK603, and genetically modified maize combining two or three of the single events 1507, 59122, MON 810 and NK603 and repealing Decisions 2009/815/EC, 2010/428/EU and 2010/432/EU, which was the same as that presented to the Standing Committee on 23 April 2018.

The Chair asked 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 authorisation of placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified maize 1507x59122xMON810xNK603 is on the agenda for this meeting. The authorisation does not include cultivation. Maize 1507x59122xMON810xNK603 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 authorisation according to the Commission proposal.
This does not preclude the Swedish vote on a possible future granting of authorisation 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.

2. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision renewing the authorisation for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified maize GA21 (MON-ØØØ21-9) pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

The Chair introduced the draft Decision renewing the authorisation for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified maize GA21 (MON-ØØØ21-9), which was the same as that presented to the Standing Committee on 23 April 2018.

The Chair asked 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

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.