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SUMMARY RECORD OF THE APPEAL COMMITTEE

Genetically Modified Food and Feed

26 FEBRUARY 2018

Chair: Sabine Jülicher

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 MON 87427 × MON 89034 × NK603 (MON-87427-7 × MON-89034-3 × MON-00603-6) and genetically modified maize combining two of the events MON 87427, MON 89034 and NK603, and repealing Decision 2010/420/EU.

SANTE/11888/2017

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 MON 87427 × MON 89034 × NK603, and genetically modified maize combining two of the events MON 87427, MON 89034 and NK603, which was the same as that presented to the Standing Committee on 16 January 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.

3. **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 59122 (DAS-59122-7) pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council.**

SANTE/11331/2017

The Chair introduced the draft Commission Implementing Decision renewing the authorisation for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified maize 59122, which was the same as that presented to the Standing Committee on 16 January 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 is on the agenda for this meeting. The authorisation does not include cultivation. Genetically modified maize 59122 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.