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SUMMARY RECORD OF THE APPEAL COMMITTEE

Genetically Modified Food and Feed

21 OCTOBER 2025

Chair: Claire Bury

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 DAS1131, pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

The Chair introduced the draft Decision authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified maize DAS1131, which was the same as that presented to the PAFF Committee, section Genetically Modified Food and Feed on 15 September 2025.

The Chair asked whether any Member State had any further questions or comments.

No Member State raised questions.

The Committee proceeded with the vote.

Vote taken: no opinion.

Reasons for the negative vote or abstention:

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

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 cotton MON 88913, 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 cotton MON 88913, which was the same as that presented to the PAFF Committee, section Genetically Modified Food and Feed on 15 September 2025.

The Chair asked whether any Member State had any further questions or comments.

No Member State raised questions.

The Committee proceeded with the vote.

Vote taken: no opinion.

Reasons for the negative vote or abstention:

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

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.

4. 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 oilseed rape MON 88302, 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 oilseed rape MON 88302, which was the same as that presented to the PAFF Committee, section Genetically Modified Food and Feed on 15 September 2025.

The Chair asked whether any Member State had any further questions or comments.

No Member State raised questions.

The Committee proceeded with the vote.

Vote taken: no opinion.

Reasons for the negative vote or abstention:

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

- Precautionary principle
- Scientific reasons

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.

Declaration provided by Sweden:

“The renewing of the authorisation of placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified rapeseed MON 88302 is on the agenda for this meeting. The authorisation does not include cultivation. The rapeseed MON 88302 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 has very serious properties and 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.”

5. 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 soybean MON 87708, 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 soybean MON 87708, which was the same as that presented to the PAFF Committee, section Genetically Modified Food and Feed on 15 September 2025.

The Chair asked whether any Member State had any further questions or comments.

No Member State raised questions.

The Committee proceeded with the vote.

Vote taken: no opinion.

Reasons for the negative vote or abstention:

- No agreed national position
- Negative public opinion

- Political reasons
- Precautionary principle
- Scientific reasons

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.

6. 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 MON 87427, 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 MON 87427, which was the same as that presented to the PAFF Committee, section Genetically Modified Food and Feed on 15 September 2025.

The Chair asked whether any Member State had any further questions or comments.

No Member State raised questions.

The Committee proceeded with the vote.

Vote taken: no opinion.

Reasons for the negative vote or abstention:

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

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.

Declaration provided by Sweden:

“The renewing of the authorisation of placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified maize MON 8742 is on the agenda for this meeting. The authorisation does not include cultivation. The maize MON 8742 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 has very serious properties and 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.”

Electronically signed
Claire BURY
Deputy Director General