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SUMMARY REPORT

A.01 Assessment of genetically modified maize MZIR098 for food and feed uses, import and processing, under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 (application EFSA-GMO-DE-2017-142) - Presentation by EFSA.

EFSA presented the opinion on the application for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified maize MZIR098. No questions were raised by the Member States.

A.02 Assessment of genetically modified soybean DAS-81419-2 x DAS-44406-6 for food and feed uses, import and processing, under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 (application EFSA-GMO-NL-2016-132) - Presentation by EFSA.

EFSA presented the opinion on the application for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified soybean DAS-81419-2 x DAS-44406-6. No questions were raised by the Member States.

A.03 Brexit preparedness.

The Commission recalled that the transition period provided in the EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement will come to an end on 31 December 2020, and that it remains available to address any questions from Member States related to actions needed to implement the Agreement. The Commission clarified that GMOs, authorised for use in food and feed in the Union, will have continued access into the market of Great Britain up until the end date of the authorisation and that new applications or renewals will need to be submitted to the UK independently from submissions in the European Union as of January 2021. No questions were raised by the 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 maize MZIR098 (SYN-00098-3), 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 maize MZIR098 was presented to the Committee.

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

Vote taken by written procedure: no opinion.

Reasons for the negative vote or abstention:

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

Consequently, the Chair informed the Committee after the written procedure that the draft Decision would 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 GHB614 × T304-40 × GHB119 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council on genetically modified food and feed.

The draft Decision authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified cotton GHB614 × T304-40 × GHB119 was presented to the Committee.

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

Vote taken by written procedure: no opinion.

Reasons for the negative vote or abstention:

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

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

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/2453 as regards the authorisation holder and its representative in the Union for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from certain genetically modified oilseed rapes.

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

Vote taken by written procedure: Favourable opinion.

B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Decisions 2009/813/EC, 2009/814/EC and 2010/429/EU and Implementing Decisions 2012/82/EU, 2012/83/EU, 2012/347/EU, 2013/649/EU, (EU) 2015/683, (EU) 2015/684, (EU) 2015/685, (EU) 2015/686, (EU) 2015/687, (EU) 2015/688, (EU) 2015/689, (EU) 2015/693, (EU) 2015/695, (EU) 2015/696, (EU) 2015/700, (EU) 2015/701, (EU) 2015/2279, (EU) 2015/2281, (EU) 2016/1216, (EU) 2016/1217, (EU) 2017/1207, (EU) 2018/1111, (EU) 2018/2045, (EU) 2018/2046, (EU) 2019/1307, (EU) 2019/1308, (EU) 2019/1309, (EU) 2019/2083 and (EU) 2020/1360 as regards the authorisation holder and its representative in the Union for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from certain genetically modified organisms.

The draft Decision amending Decisions 2009/813/EC, 2009/814/EC and 2010/429/EU and Implementing Decisions 2012/82/EU, 2012/83/EU, 2012/347/EU, 2013/649/EU, (EU) 2015/683, (EU) 2015/684, (EU) 2015/685, (EU) 2015/686, (EU) 2015/687, (EU) 2015/688, (EU) 2015/689, (EU) 2015/693, (EU) 2015/695, (EU) 2015/696, (EU) 2015/700, (EU) 2015/701, (EU) 2015/2279, (EU) 2015/2281, (EU) 2016/1216, (EU) 2016/1217, (EU) 2017/1207, (EU) 2018/1111, (EU) 2018/2045, (EU) 2018/2046, (EU) 2019/1307, (EU) 2019/1308, (EU) 2019/1309, (EU) 2019/2083 and (EU) 2020/1360 as regards the authorisation holder and its representative in the Union for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from certain genetically modified organisms was presented to the Committee.

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

Vote taken by written procedure: Favourable opinion.

M.01 RASFF notification on enzyme.

One Member State informed the Committee about a new RASFF notification related to the detection of genetically modified material in food enzyme alpha amylase. The incompliant enzyme was not distributed in the EU Member States.

M.02 Oil from unauthorised genetically modified oilseed rape for research purpose.

One Member State raised a question about the legal requirements of import of oil from unauthorised genetically modified oilseed rape for research purpose. The Commission confirmed that, based on the information provided, no authorisation would be needed under EU GMO legislation. However, the Member State authorities should ensure that this oil does not enter the food chain and that it is clearly labelled, stating the conditions of use of the oil.

M.03 Transboundary movement of GMO.

One Member State raised a question about the interpretation of Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1946/2003 on transboundary movements of genetically modified organisms particularly related to genetically modified microorganisms. The Commission took note of the question and proposed to provide an answer to the Committee in writing.