

Comments from the public: GHB614

Organisation: Eldrimner

Country: Sweden

Type: Association

a. Assessment:

4. Conclusions and recommendations

Glyfosfat tolerant GMO cotton GHB614 Eldrimner, a national centre for artisan food have a few comments for placing GMO cotton in the EU market.

Eldrimner is working with artisan food processors that are making high quality products. It is very important for them to have good raw material. GMO products are very negative for them, since it is a threat to the clean and pure raw materials.

In the study it is stated that there is a very low risk that the cotton would be spread to other fields. Even if the risk is low, it is still possible for the cotton to be found in other places. It is therefore hard to see what consequences that could lead to and afterwards it is hard to do clean it. Other crops like corn have spread very far and that has lead to large consequences for many farmers. For the organic farmers it is extra bad to get contaminated, since you loose your organic certification and thereby your market.

If the glyphosate cotton is spread to the market the use of glyphosate will grow and that is a threat to the ground water in the area of the cultivation, since it has contaminated at lot of ground water.

Consumers in Europa have clearly said several times that they don't want to have GMO in the food or in the feed. It is therefore unnecessary to accept GMO products.

Long time studies should be done before the product could be accepted on the market. This is to examine if there could be any health concerns to animals or humans.

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