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SUMMARY REPORT

A.01 New Genomic Techniques: Member States' update on implementation of legislation and information from the Commission on policy initiative on plants obtained from targeted mutagenesis and cisgenesis

The Commission invited the Member States to share any available update on their experience in the implementation and enforcement of the GMO legislation, in particular as regards the challenges and possibilities to detect certain products of new genomic techniques (NGT).

One Member State gave an overview of ongoing activities related to detection and identification of NGT products. The Commission updated the Committee on the work related to NGTs by the European Union Reference Laboratory and European Network of GMO laboratories (ENGL) and reminded that the Working Programme 2021-2022 of Horizon Europe offers funding to address among other, detection and traceability issues.

One Member State highlighted the importance of coordinating the work of the Member States on these topics. The Commission reminded that work on detection methods is coordinated under the ENGL. Another Member State referred to an initiative led by Japan under OECD to share information on NGT products. France informed about the new decision of the French Conseil d'État of 8 November 2021 on mutagenesis. The Commission recalled the recent EFSA scientific opinion on in vivo and in vitro random mutagenesis techniques in plants published on 11 November 2021¹.

The Commission further updated the Member States on the policy initiative on plants obtained from targeted mutagenesis and cisgenesis, in particular with preliminary information on the feedback to the inception impact assessment and information on the high-level conference of 29 November, along with next steps for the policy initiative.

¹ <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/6611>

B.01 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 GHB614 (BCS-GHØØ2-5) pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council

The draft Decision renewing the authorisation for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified cotton GHB614 (BCS-GHØØ2-5) was presented to the Committee.

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

Vote taken by written procedure: No opinion.

Reasons for negative vote or abstention:

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

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