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SUMMARY REPORT

A.01 Assessment of genetically modified soybean MON 87701 for renewal of the authorisation, under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 (application EFSA- GMO-RX-021) – Presentation by EFSA.

EFSA presented the opinion on the renewal of the authorisation for the placing on the market of genetically modified soybean MON 87701.

No questions were raised by the Member States.

A.02 Assessment of genetically modified soybean MON 87701 × MON 89788 for renewal of the authorisation, under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 (application EFSA-GMO-RX-022) – Presentation by EFSA.

EFSA presented the opinion on the renewal of the authorisation for the placing on the market of genetically modified soybean MON 87701 × MON 89788.

No questions were raised by the Member States.

A.03 Assessment of genetically modified soybean 40-3-2 for renewal of the authorisation, under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 (application EFSA-GMO-RX-023) – Presentation by EFSA.

EFSA presented the opinion on the renewal of the authorisation for the placing on the market of genetically modified soybean 40-3-2.

No questions were raised by the Member States.

A.04 Assessment of genetically modified maize GA21 × T25 for food and feed uses, under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 (application EFSA-GMO-NL-2019-137) – 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 GA21 × T25.

No questions were raised by the Member States.

A.05 Assessment of genetically modified maize GM maize MON 87419 for food and feed uses, under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 (application EFSA-GMO-NL-2020-140) – 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 MON 87419.

No questions were raised by the Member States.

A.06 GM animals – Information from the Commission and discussion.

The Commission informed the Committee of the mandate given to EFSA in December 2022 to continue building evidence on new developments in biotechnology as regards animals, including synthetic biology and animals developed using new genomic techniques. The final output is expected by June 2025.

Two further topics related to the applicability of the GMO legislation to specific situations were discussed, at the request of Member States (breeding line of laying hens and their eggs and the disposal of surplus of GM laboratory animals).

A.07 Post-Market Environmental Plans for genetically modified oilseed rapes – For discussion.

Following the request from one Member State at the Committee meeting of 14 December 2022, the Commission opened a discussion on the Post-Market Environmental Monitoring (PMEM) plans for genetically modified oilseed rape. The Commission collected the views of the Member States on the PMEM plans for oilseed rapes and agreed to continue the discussion at a forthcoming Committee meeting.

A.08 Application for authorisation of food and feed containing, consisting of and produced from genetically modified maize 3272 (EFSA-GMO-UK-2006-34) – For discussion.

The Commission recalled previous discussions on this application and explored Member States' views with a view to conclude the procedure on this application (given an EFSA inconclusive opinion on the full scope of the application, and positive opinion on certain product for feed use). The Commission will continue discussion at a forthcoming Committee meeting to conclude on this application.

A.09 OECD «Enhanced Information Exchange on New Breeding Techniques (NBTs) » questionnaire – For information

The reply to the OECD questionnaire was discussed. The Commission will provide a response outlining the current EU legislation and the work on a policy initiative on plants obtained by certain new genomic techniques and will share it with Member States so that they can refer to it if they wish.

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 281-24-236 x 3006-210-23, pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

The draft Decision renewing the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified cotton 281-24-236 x 3006-210-23 was presented to the Committee.

No questions were raised by the Member States.

Vote taken: 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 that the draft Decision will be submitted to the Appeal Committee.