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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE**  
**REGULATORY COMMITTEE under DIRECTIVE 2001/18/EC**

**25 APRIL 2016**

**A.01 EFSA scientific opinion on Part C notification (reference C/NL/13/01) from Suntory Holdings Limited for the import, distribution and retailing of carnation SHD-27531-4 cut flowers with modified petal colour for ornamental use – presentation by EFSA.**

The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) presented the opinion on Part C notification (reference C/NL/13/01) from Suntory Holdings Limited for the import, distribution and retailing of carnation SHD-27531-4 cut flowers with modified petal colour for ornamental use and the Member States had the possibility to ask questions.

**A.02 EFSA scientific opinion on Part C notification (reference C/NL/13/02) from Suntory Holdings Limited for the import, distribution and retailing of carnation FLO-40685-2 cut flowers with modified petal colour for ornamental use – presentation by EFSA.**

The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) presented the opinion on Part C notification (reference C/NL/13/02) from Suntory Holdings Limited for the import, distribution and retailing of carnation FLO-40685-2 cut flowers with modified petal colour for ornamental use and the Member States had the possibility to ask questions.

**A.03 Notification of the presence of unauthorised GM oilseed rape in conventional oilseed rape – update by the Member States.**

The Commission asked for clarification and update on the actions taken by the seven Member States concerned. These Member States confirmed the actions they had taken and the Commission invited these seven Member States to submit their respective monitoring plans by 1 June 2016.

**A.04 Draft Reference Document "Framework for assessing the socio-economic impacts of Bt maize cultivation" by the European Socio Economic Bureau (ESEB) - Presentation by JRC.**

JRC presented the draft Reference Document, which provides a framework for carrying out assessments on the socio-economic impacts of Bt maize cultivation in the EU (at the EU, national or subnational level). Member States may submit written comments by 1 June 2016.

**A.05 JRC/EURL Guideline for the submission of DNA sequences derived from genetically modified plants and associated annotations within the framework of Directive 2001/18/EC and Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 – presentation by JRC.**

JRC presented the Guideline for the submission of DNA sequences derived from genetically modified plants and associated annotations within the framework of Directive 2001/18/EC and Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003.

**B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision as regards the placing on the market of a genetically modified carnation (*Dianthus caryophyllus* L., line SHD-27531-4).**

The draft Decision authorising the placing on the market of a genetically modified carnation (*Dianthus caryophyllus* L., line SHD-27531-4) was presented to the Committee and submitted for a vote.

**Vote taken:** no opinion

*Reasons for the negative vote or abstention:*

- Negative public opinion
- Political reasons
- No agreed national position
- No finalised opinion of the national scientific committee
- Social utility of these GMOs is unclear, ethical concerns
- Risk assessment deemed insufficient
- Precautionary principle

*AT statement*

*Austria objects the placing on the market of a genetically modified carnation (*Dianthus caryophyllus* L., line SHD-27531-4) due to political reasons.*

The Chair informed that the draft Decision will be submitted to the Appeal Committee.

**M.01 New Breeding Techniques**

Upon a question from a Member State about the New Breeding Techniques, the Commission informed that the work is ongoing and the outcome could be expected in the course of 2016.

**M.02 Seeds**

Upon a request from a Member State on whether to proceed towards a harmonised approach with regard to GM seeds, the Commission informed that it was still analysing the possible way forward.