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## SUMMARY REPORT

### **A.01 Assessment of the 2022 post-market environmental monitoring report on the cultivation of genetically modified maize MON 810 in the EU – Presentation by EFSA and discussion.**

EFSA presented its assessment of the PMEM report on the cultivation of genetically modified maize MON 810 for the cultivation period 2022-2023.

One of the Member States cultivating GM maize MON 810 updated the Committee of the measures currently in place to ensure that the post-market environmental monitoring plan is properly implemented. The Commission informed the MS of its follow-up with the authorisation holder as regards the EFSA recommendations.

### **A.02 Enforcement of GMO presence in seeds – Update from the Commission.**

The Commission presented to the Committee the mandate for scientific and technical assistance sent to the European Union Reference Laboratory in relation to seed testing. This mandate is the follow-up of the discussions in the Regulatory Committee held on 10 April 2024. The output will serve as a basis for further work on convergence of seed testing.

Some Member States expressed their support to continue work on seed testing.

### **A.03 Member State research project on the interpretation of the GMO definition in the Member States – Presentation by the Member State and discussion.**

One Member State commissioned an external project on the interpretation of the GMO definition in the Member States, which was published on 20 November 2024. The contractor presented the project and its findings, including certain challenges linked in particular with new scientific and technical developments. In the light of these findings, the Member State that launched the study expressed the need of further discussion at EU level and for a platform to exchange views and align approaches in the application of the GMO definition. This was supported by several Member States.

The Commission indicated that this Regulatory Committee is the most relevant forum to discuss general issues in relation to the interpretation of the GMO definition when the need arises.

There was broad agreement to further discuss in the context of the Committee and selected issues identified in the research project and raised by Member States will be brought to the agenda in 2025.

**A.04 Commission's evaluation of EFSA's performance (2017-2024)– Presentation by the Commission.**

The Commission informed the Committee about the procedure for the evaluation of EFSA's performance (2017-2024) and invited Member States competent authorities to participate in the targeted survey to be launched by the contractor and to express interest to participate in the interviews.