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SUMMARY REPORT OF THE APPEAL COMMITTEE

Genetically Modified Food and Feed

Regulatory Committee 2001/18/EC

31 MARCH 2015

Chair: Ladislav Miko

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Chair explained the interpretation regime for the Appeal Committee. The agenda was adopted.

2. Draft Commission Implementing Decision renewing the authorisation for marketing of genetically modified cotton MON 531 products pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003

SANTE/10170/2015

The draft Decision renewing the authorisation for the placing on the market of genetically modified cotton MON 531 was presented and submitted to the Committee for an opinion.

Vote taken: no opinion

Reasons for the negative vote or abstention:

- No agreed national position
- Negative public opinion
- Political reasons
- Risk assessment deemed not sufficient
- Presence of ARMGs
- No opinion of the MS Scientific Council
- Scope of Article 2(a) should be more detailed

In the light of Article 4(6) of the Rules of procedure of the Appeal Committee, the Chair informed the members of the Committee that the file would be submitted to the Commission for adoption.

3. Draft Commission Implementing Decision renewing the authorisation for marketing of genetically modified cotton MON 1445 products pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003

SANTE/10171/2015

The draft Decision renewing the authorisation for the placing on the market of genetically modified cotton MON 1445 was presented to the Committee.

Vote taken: no opinion

Reasons for the negative vote or abstention:

- No agreed national position
- Negative public opinion
- Political reasons
- Risk assessment deemed not sufficient
- Presence of ARMGs
- Negative opinion of the MS Scientific Council
- Scope of Article 2(a) should be more detailed

In the light of Article 4(6) of the Rules of procedure of the Appeal Committee, the Chair informed the members of the Committee that the file would be submitted to the Commission for adoption.

4. Draft Commission Implementing Decision renewing the authorisation of existing genetically modified cotton MON 531 x MON 1445 products and authorising food and feed cottonseed oil produced from MON 531 x MON 1445 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003

SANTE/10172/2015

The draft Decision renewing the authorisation of existing genetically modified cotton MON 531 x MON 1445 products and authorising food and feed cottonseed oil produced from MON 531 x MON 1445 was presented to the Committee.

Vote taken: no opinion

Reasons for the negative vote or abstention:

- No agreed national position
- Negative public opinion
- Political reasons
- Risk assessment deemed not sufficient
- Presence of ARMGs
- Negative opinion of the MS Scientific Council
- Scope of Article 2(a) should be more detailed

In the light of Article 4(6) of the Rules of procedure of the Appeal Committee, the Chair informed the members of the Committee that the file would be submitted to the Commission for adoption.

5. Draft Commission Implementing Decision authorising the placing on the market of genetically modified cotton MON 15985 and renewing the authorisation of MON 15985 products pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003

SANTE/10173/2015

The draft Decision authorising the placing on the market of genetically modified cotton MON 15985 and renewing the authorisation of MON 15985 products was presented to the Committee. A Member State changed its position from the Standing Committee meeting on 16th March 2015.

Vote taken: no opinion

Reasons for the negative vote or abstention:

- No agreed national position
- Negative public opinion
- Political reasons
- Risk assessment deemed not sufficient
- Presence of ARMGs
- The Regulation on GM food and feed is not considered as the right legal basis to authorise products other than food and feed containing and consisting of GMOs

In the light of Article 4(6) of the Rules of procedure of the Appeal Committee, the Chair informed the members of the Committee that the file would be submitted to the Commission for adoption.

6. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision concerning the placing on the market, in accordance with Directive 2001/18/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, of a carnation (*Dianthus caryophyllus* L., line 25958) genetically modified for flower colour

SANTE/10174/2015

Draft Decision concerning the placing on the market, in accordance with Directive 2001/18/EC, of a carnation (*Dianthus caryophyllus* L., line 25958) genetically modified for flower colour, was presented to the Committee.

Vote taken: no opinion

Reasons for the negative vote or abstention:

- No agreed national position
- Negative public opinion
- Political reasons
- Risk assessment deemed not sufficient
- Human-aided propagation cannot be excluded
- Potential spread of pollen and cross-pollination cannot be excluded
- Social utility of this GMO is unclear

In the light of Article 4(6) of the Rules of procedure of the Appeal Committee, the Chair informed the members of the Committee that the file would be submitted to the Commission for adoption.

7. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision concerning the placing on the market, in accordance with Directive 2001/18/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, of a carnation (*Dianthus caryophyllus* L., line 26407) genetically modified for flower colour

SANTE/10175/2015

Draft Decision concerning the placing on the market, in accordance with Directive 2001/18/EC, of a carnation (*Dianthus caryophyllus* L., line 26407) genetically modified for flower colour, was presented to the Committee.

Vote taken: no opinion

Reasons for the negative vote or abstention:

- No agreed national position
- Negative public opinion
- Political reasons
- Risk assessment deemed not sufficient
- Human-aided propagation cannot be excluded
- Potential spread of pollen and cross-pollination cannot be excluded
- Social utility of this GMO is unclear

In the light of Article 4(6) of the Rules of procedure of the Appeal Committee, the Chair informed the members of the Committee that the file would be submitted to the Commission for adoption.