

**EU Directive 2001/18/EC as amended by (EU) 2015/412 as regards the possibility for the Member States to restrict or prohibit the cultivation of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in their territory.**

**Article 26c – Transitional measures**

**Purpose:** The Department of the Environment has decided to demand that, under Article 26c(1) of Directive 2001/18/EC as amended by Directive (EU) 2015/412, the geographic scope of the application for Bt11 maize is adjusted to exclude the cultivation of the GMO in the specified territory.

**Area to be covered by the exclusion:** The whole territory of Northern Ireland including its islands.

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