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SUMMARY REPORT

A.01 Assessment of genetically modified maize NK603 × T25 × DAS-40278-9 for food and feed uses, under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 (application EFSA-GMO-NL-2019-164) – 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 NK603 × T25 × DAS-40278-9 and subcombinations. No questions were raised by the Member States.

A.02 Member States targeted consultation of GMO applications – Presentation by EFSA

EFSA presented the IT tool that will be used for Member States targeted consultations on GMO applications going forward. No questions were raised by the Member States.

B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified soybean GMB151 (BCS-GM151-6) pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

The draft Decision authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified soybean GMB151 (BCS-GM151-6) was presented to the Committee.

The Committee agreed to vote in written procedure in accordance with Article 3(5) of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011.

Vote taken by written procedure: 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 after the written procedure that the draft Decision will be submitted to the Appeal Committee.

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decisions (EU) 2015/698, 2017/2448, 2017/2452, 2018/1109, 2018/1110, 2019/1304, 2019/1306 and 2021/1388 as regards the authorisation holder and its representative in the Union for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from certain genetically modified organisms.

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Vote taken by written procedure: Favourable opinion.

M.01 Emergency measure for rice from China (Commission Decision 2011/884/EU)

The Commission reminded the Member States to send in all data for 2021 by email by the end of the month. It also recalled that, starting this year, data on controls would be extracted from TRACES-NT.

M.02 Information about project proposal at OECD level on New Breeding Techniques

The Commission raised awareness about a project proposal from Japan to the OECD Working Group on the Harmonisation of Regulatory Oversight in Biotechnology, to collect and share among OECD members publicly available information on regulatory provisions in place and products of New Breeding Techniques. The proposal is in written consultation and the final discussion on it will take place in March in the OECD meeting.