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SUMMARY REPORT OF THE APPEAL COMMITTEE

Genetically Modified Food and Feed

11 JANUARY 2016

Chair: Sabine Jülicher

1. Adoption of the Agenda

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

2. Draft Commission Implementing Decision authorising the placing on the market of genetically modified soybean MON 87705 × MON 89788 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003

SANTE/11283/2015

The draft Decision renewing authorising the placing on the market of genetically modified soybean MON 87705 × MON 89788 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 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
- Lack of 90-day toxicity study
- Risk assessment deemed not sufficient
- Interactions between single events not sufficiently assessed
- Precautionary principle
- 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

3. Draft Commission Implementing Decision authorising the placing on the market of genetically modified soybean MON 87708 × MON 89788 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003

SANTE/10932/2015

The draft Decision renewing authorising the placing on the market of genetically modified soybean MON 87708 × MON 89788 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 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
- Interactions between single events not sufficiently assessed
- Precautionary principle
- 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

4. Draft Commission Implementing Decision authorising the placing on the market of genetically modified soybean FG72 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003

SANTE/11212/2015

The draft Decision renewing authorising the placing on the market of genetically modified soybean FG 72 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 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
- Precautionary principle
- 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

The chair informed the members of the Committee that, in accordance with Regulation 182/2011, it is now for the Commission to decide on the three authorisations.