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SUMMARY REPORT

A.01 Assessment of genetically modified cotton GHB614 × T304 × GHB119 for food and feed uses, import and processing under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 (application EFSA- GMO- NL-2014-122) – 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 cotton GHB614 x T304 x GHB119. One Member State asked a question about comments received during the public consultation.

A.02 Assessment of genetically modified oilseed rape GT73 for renewal authorisation under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 (application EFSA-GMO-RX-002) - Presentation by EFSA.

EFSA presented the opinion on the application for renewal of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified oilseed rape GT73. No questions were raised by the Member States.

A.03 Statement complementing the EFSA Scientific Opinion on application (EFSA-GMO-NL-2009-75) for placing on the market of genetically modified oilseed rape Ms8 × Rf3 × GT73 and subcombinations, which have not been authorised previously (i.e. Ms8 × GT73 and Rf3 × GT73) independently of their origin, for food and feed uses, import and processing, with the exception of isolated seed protein for food, under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003), taking into consideration additional information – Presentation by EFSA.

EFSA presented the Statement complementing the opinion on the application for the placing on the market of genetically modified oilseed rape Ms8 x Rf3 x GT73 and subcombinations not previously authorised independently of their origin, for food and feed uses, import and processing, with the exception of isolated seed protein for food. No questions were raised by the Member States.

A.04 Brexit preparedness.

The Commission recalled that the transition period provided in the EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement will come to an end on 31 December 2020, and that it remains available to address any questions from Member States related to actions needed to implement the Agreement. 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 MON 87751 × MON 87701 × MON 87708 × MON 89788, 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 MON 87751 x MON 87701 x MON 87708 x MON 89788 was presented to the Committee.

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

Vote taken by written procedure: no opinion.

Reasons for the negative vote or abstention:

- No agreed national position
- Negative public opinion
- Political reasons
- Precautionary principle
- Scientific 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 authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified maize MON 87427 × MON 89034 × MIR162 × MON 87411 and genetically modified maize combining two or three of the single events MON 87427, MON 89034, MIR162 and MON 87411 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 maize MON 87427 x MON 89034 x MIR162 x MON 87411 and genetically modified maize combining two or three of the single events MON 87427, MON 89034, MIR162 and MON 87411, was presented to the Committee.

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

Vote taken by written procedure: no opinion.

Reasons for the negative vote or abstention:

- No agreed national position
- Negative public opinion
- Political reasons
- Precautionary principle
- Scientific reasons

Consequently, the Chair informed the Committee after the written procedure that the draft Decision will be submitted to the Appeal Committee.

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision renewing the authorisation for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified maize MIR604 (SYN-IR604-5) pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

The draft Decision renewing the authorisation for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified maize MIR604 was presented to the Committee.

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

Vote taken by written procedure: no opinion.

Reasons for the negative vote or abstention:

- No agreed national position
- Negative public opinion
- Political reasons
- Precautionary principle
- Scientific reasons

Consequently, the Chair informed the Committee after the written procedure that the draft Decision will be submitted to the Appeal Committee.

B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision renewing the authorisation for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified maize MON 88017 (MON-88017-3) pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council. Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003.

The draft Decision renewing the authorisation for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified maize MON 88017 was presented to the Committee.

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

Vote taken in written procedure: no opinion.

Reasons for the negative vote or abstention:

- No agreed national position
- Negative public opinion
- Political reasons
- Precautionary principle
- Scientific reasons

Consequently, the Chair informed the Committee after the written procedure that the draft Decision will be submitted to the Appeal Committee.

B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision renewing the authorisation for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified maize MON 89034 (MON-89034-3) pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

The draft Decision renewing the authorisation for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified maize MON 89034 was presented to the Committee.

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

Vote taken in written procedure: no opinion.

Reasons for the negative vote or abstention:

- No agreed national position
- Negative public opinion
- Political reasons
- Precautionary principle
- Scientific reasons

Consequently, the Chair informed the Committee after the written procedure that the draft Decision will be submitted to the Appeal Committee.

M.01 Information on the detection method for a mutant oilseed rape variety – Presentation by EURL/ENGL.

The Director of the EURL explained the design of the detection method described in a recently published scientific article and informed the Member States on its evaluation performed by the ENGL. The conclusion of the ENGL evaluation is that the detection method cannot unequivocally detect the gene-edited oilseed rape and that the enforcement of GM legislation for gene-edited crops is not further advanced. The ENGL concluded that all statements and conclusions of its 2019 report on the detection of food and feed plant products obtained by new mutagenesis techniques remain valid. Two Member States intervened to fully agree with the conclusions and no Member State challenged them.

M.02 Assessment of genetically modified oilseed rape MS11.

One Member State expressed further views on EFSA's risk assessment approach for the genetically modified oilseed rape MS11 (application EFSA-GMO-BE-2016-138 presented at the previous Committee meeting on 15 September 2020). The Member State briefly explained its proposal regarding the risk assessment approach that should be taken for future similar products, and proposed to have a discussion with Member States and Commission at a forthcoming Committee meeting. The Commission took note of the request and informed the Committee that a summary provided by the Member State will be shared for information.