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SUMMARY RECORD OF THE APPEAL COMMITTEE

Genetically Modified Food and Feed

11 MAY 2023

Chair: Klaus BEREND

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted without amendments.

2. 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 87429 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council

The Chair introduced the draft Decision authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified maize MON 87429, which was the same as that presented to the Standing Committee on 31 March 2023.

The Chair asked whether any Member State had changed its position or whether Member States had any further comments.

No Member State raised questions and therefore the Committee proceeded with the vote.

Vote taken: no opinion.

Reasons for the negative vote or abstention:

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

3. 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 95379 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council

The Chair introduced the draft Decision authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified maize MON 95379, which was the same as that presented to the Standing Committee on 31 March 2023.

The Chair asked whether any Member State had changed its position or whether Member States had any further comments.

No Member State raised questions and therefore the Committee proceeded with the vote.

Vote taken: no opinion.

Reasons for the negative vote or abstention:

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

4. 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 DP4114 x MON89034 x MON87411 x DAS-40278-9 and its sub-combinations DAS-40278-9 x DP4114 x MON 87411, MON 89034 x DP4114 x MON 87411, MON 89034 x DAS-40278-9 x MON 87411, MON 89034 x DAS-40278-9 x DP4114, DP4114 x MON 87411, DAS-40278-9 x MON 87411, DAS-40278-9 x DP4114, MON 89034 x DP4114, pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council

The Chair introduced the draft Decision authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified maize DP4114 x MON89034 x MON87411 x DAS-40278-9 and its sub-combinations, which was the same as that presented to the Standing Committee on 31 March 2023.

The Chair asked whether any Member State had changed its position or whether Member States had any further comments.

No Member State raised questions and therefore the Committee proceeded with the vote.

Vote taken: no opinion.

Reasons for the negative vote or abstention:

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

- Scientific reasons

Declaration provided by Sweden:

- *“Regarding marketing authorisation for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from the genetically modified maize DP4114 x MON89034 x MON87411 x DAS-40278-9 and its sub-combinations Sweden would like to highlight the following.*
- *The meeting will consider the renewal of the marketing authorisation for the genetically modified maize DP4114 x MON89034 x MON87411 x DAS-40278-9 and its sub-combinations, for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from it. The application for market authorisation does not include cultivation. The genetic modification in maize DP4114 x MON89034 x MON87411 x DAS-40278-9 and its sub-combinations is tolerant to the herbicide glufosinate-ammonium.*
- *The Swedish Board of Agriculture and the Swedish National Food Agency share EFSA's assessment that the product is safe for human and animal health and the environment. Sweden is voting in favour of the European Commission's proposal for a decision.*
- *This position does not affect Sweden's position in future decisions on the cultivation of GMO crops that are tolerant to the herbicide glufosinate ammonium.*
- *Glufosinate ammonium has very serious properties and is classified as reprotoxic in category 1B, which means that it does not meet the requirements for authorisation under the EU's new Plant Protection Products Regulation 1107/2009. Sweden believes that any use and cultivation of GMOs in Sweden should not lead to negative impacts on biodiversity and that increased pesticide use should be avoided as far as possible.”*

5. 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 soybean MON 87701, pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council

The Chair introduced the draft Decision renewing the authorisation for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified soybean MON 87701, which was the same as that presented to the Standing Committee on 31 March 2023.

The Chair asked whether any Member State had changed its position or whether Member States had any further comments.

No Member State raised questions and therefore the Committee proceeded with the vote.

Vote taken: no opinion.

Reasons for the negative vote or abstention:

- No agreed national position

- Negative public opinion
- Political reasons
- Precautionary principle
- Scientific reasons

6. 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 soybean MON 87701 × MON 89788, pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council

The Chair introduced the draft Decision renewing the authorisation for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified soybean MON 87701 × MON 89788, which was the same as that presented to the Standing Committee on 31 March 2023.

The Chair asked whether any Member State had changed its position or whether Member States had any further comments.

No Member State raised questions and therefore the Committee proceeded with the vote.

Vote taken: no opinion.

Reasons for the negative vote or abstention:

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

7. 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 soybean 40-3-2, pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council

The Chair introduced the draft Decision renewing the authorisation for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified soybean 40-3-2, which was the same as that presented to the Standing Committee on 31 March 2023.

The Chair asked whether any Member State had changed its position or whether Member States had any further comments.

No Member State raised questions and therefore the Committee proceeded with the vote.

Vote taken: no opinion.

Reasons for the negative vote or abstention:

- No agreed national position

- Negative public opinion
- Political reasons
- Precautionary principle
- Scientific reasons

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

Electronically signed
Klaus Berend
Director (acting)