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HEALTH & CONSUMERS DIRECTORATE GENERAL

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SUMMARY REPORT OF THE APPEAL COMMITTEE

Genetically Modified Food and Feed (oilseed rape Ms8, Rf3 and Ms8 x Rf3)

27 MAY 2013

President: Ladislav Miko

26 Member States were present (Lithuania was absent and not represented).

1. Adoption of the Agenda

- 2. Exchange of views and opinion of the appeal committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision authorising the placing on the market of food containing or consisting of genetically modified oilseed rape Ms8, Rf3 and Ms8 x Rf3, or food and feed produced from those genetically modified organisms pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council. (Doc. SANCO/10599/2013) (Legal Base: Article 7(3), Article 11(3), Article 19(3) and Article 23(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003)**

The draft Commission Implementing Decision authorising the placing on the market of food containing or consisting of genetically modified oilseed rape Ms8, Rf3 and Ms8 x Rf3, or food and feed produced from those genetically modified organisms pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 was submitted to the Committee for an opinion.

Vote: no opinion (161 votes in favour, 80 votes against, 97 abstentions, 7 not represented)

Interventions during the Appeal Committee:

Sweden made a declaration related to its position on future decisions on cultivation for GM crops tolerant to the herbicide glyphosate-ammonium (annexed).



Landsbygdsdepartementet

Marknadsgodkännande av rapsen Ms8, Rf3 och Ms8xRf3 för användning i livsmedel och foder

Företaget Bayer CropScience har ansökt om godkännande av livsmedel och foder som innehåller eller består av den genetiskt modifierade rapsen Ms8, Rf3 och hybriderna Ms8xRf3.

EFSA har bedömt rapslinjerna som hälso- och miljösäkra och har lämnat ett positivt yttrande över ansökan. Sverige delar EFSA:s bedömning och röstar för EU-kommissionens förslag till beslut.

Denna ståndpunkt påverkar inte Sveriges ställningstaganden i framtida beslut om odling av GMO-grödor som är toleranta mot ogräsmedlet glufosinamatmonium. Substansen har mycket allvarliga egenskaper och är klassificerat som reprotoxiskt i kategori 1B vilket innebär att det inte uppfyller kraven för godkännande enligt EU:s nya växtskyddsmedelsförordning 1107/2009.

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GOVERNMENT OFFICES

Explanation of vote

Ministry of Rural Affairs

24 May 2013

Subject: Market authorisation of oilseed rape Ms8, Rf3 and Ms8xRf3 for use in food or feed

The company Bayer CropScience has requested authorisation of food and feed which contain or consist of genetically modified oilseed rape Ms8, Rf3 and the hybrid Ms8xRf3.

EFSA has assessed the rapeseed lines as safe for health and the environment and has expressed a favourable opinion on the request. Sweden agrees with EFSA's assessment and votes in favour of the Commission's proposed decision.

This position does not affect Sweden's stance on the future decision on the cultivation of GMO-crops which tolerate the herbicide glufosinate-ammonium. That substance has very dangerous properties and is classified as reprotoxic in category IB, which means that it does not meet the requirement for authorisation according to the EU's new Regulation 1107/2009 on plant protection products.