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Report Highlights:

On July 2, 2024, the European Commission approved three genetically engineered crops (maize/corn) for food and animal feed. The three authorizations were published in the European Union's Official Journal on July 4, 2024, and they remain valid for 10 years.

Overview:

On July 2, 2024, the European Commission (EC) approved two genetically engineered (GE) maize/corn crops and renewed the authorization for one maize/corn crop for food and animal feed. These three crops have gone through a comprehensive and stringent authorization procedure, including a favorable scientific assessment by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). The authorization and renewal decisions apply to food and feed for import and processing, but do not cover cultivation, and are valid for 10 years. All products will be subject to the EU's strict labelling and traceability rules.

The Commission Implementing Decisions for the authorizations were published in the [Official Journal of the European Union, 4 July 2024](#):

- [Commission Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2024/1822 of 2 July 2024 authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified maize DP915635 pursuant to Regulation \(EC\) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council \(notified under document C\(2024\) 4492\)](#)
- [Commission Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2024/1826 of 2 July 2024 authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified maize DP23211 pursuant to Regulation \(EC\) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council \(notified under document C\(2024\) 4491\)](#)
- [Commission Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2024/1828 of 2 July 2024 renewing the authorisation for the placing on the market of feed containing, consisting of and of food and feed products produced from genetically modified maize MON 810 pursuant to Regulation \(EC\) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Commission Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2017/1207 \(notified under document C\(2024\) 4493\)](#)

Authorization Process:

The three GE crops have gone through the EU's full authorization procedure, including a favorable scientific assessment by EFSA, as set in Directive 2001/18/EC. After a positive evaluation by EFSA, the EC puts forward a proposal for the authorization of the events that must be voted at the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed (PAFF) for Genetically Modified Food and Feed and Environmental Risk by EU Member State (MS) representatives. A positive outcome in the PAFF Committee requires a qualified majority. Member States did not reach a qualified majority either in favor or against the GE crops at the Standing Committee and at the subsequent Appeal Committee thus the Commission has the legal duty to proceed with the authorizations.

Consideration and Outlook:

These three events were all discussed during the PAFF Committee meeting on April 26, 2024. The Appeal Committee meeting took place on May 29, 2024. This is the second group of GE approvals for export to the EU that the Commission has approved in 2024.

Attachments:

No Attachments.