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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE FOOD CHAIN AND ANIMAL HEALTH
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2012
(Section Genetically modified Food & Feed)**

Chair: Dorothee Andre

All Member States were present.

A.1 European Food Safety Authority's (EFSA) opinion on application EFSA-GMO-NL-2005-24 for the placing on the market of the herbicide tolerant genetically modified soybean 40-3-2 for cultivation under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 from Monsanto – Presentation by EFSA

The EFSA representative presented the opinion on the herbicide tolerant genetically modified soybean 40-3-2 for cultivation which was published on 21 June 2012. This presentation was followed by questions from Member States.

The Commission representative informed that a discussion on the interplay between the legislation on genetically modified organisms and on plant protection products would be planned before the end of the year.

B.1 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 MIR162 (SYN-IR 162-4) pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council

The draft Commission Implementing Decision authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified maize MIR162 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 on genetically modified food and feed was presented and submitted to the Committee for an opinion.

The following reasons were mentioned by Member States for not supporting the draft Decision:

- EFSA opinion is not considered as fully satisfactory;
- no sufficient study and data for the risk assessment;

- allergenicity studies are not considered as satisfactory;
- lack of long-term studies;
- precautionary principle invoked;
- the Regulation on genetically modified food and feed is not considered as the right legal basis to authorise products other than food and feed containing and consisting of GMOs (genetically modified organisms);
- negative public opinion and perception to GMO;
- lack of internal agreement at national level on the position to be taken;
- political reasons.

The Chair indicated that the Commission will submit a proposal to the Appeal Committee in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011.

Vote taken: No opinion (152 votes in favour, 96 votes against, 97 abstentions)

M.1 A Member State enquired an update on the possible amendment of the honey Directive and on the revision of the emergency measures Decision on import of rice from China. The Commission summarized the upcoming steps and its expected timing.