Dear Petitioner,

Subject: Your email - Stop the import approval for new toxic soy!

Let me reassure you that the Commission, as guardian of the Treaty, is working to ensure the proper implementation of the EU legislation and a high level of protection of human and animal health and the environment.

In the EU, the risk assessment performed in the context of an application of an herbicide-tolerant crop for food and feed uses is focused on the potential impact of the genetic modification on human and animal health and on the environment. The risk assessment of the use of an herbicide is, however, made in the context of the authorisation of the herbicide in question, and the two authorisation procedures are independent.

Concerning the two soybeans FG72 x A5547-127 and DAS-444406-6, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) has performed a comprehensive risk assessment of these GM soybeans.

In its scientific opinions, EFSA concluded that genetically modified soybean DAS-444406-6\(^1\) and FG72 \times A5547-127\(^2\), as described in the applications, are as safe and nutritious as their conventional counterparts and non-genetically modified reference varieties with respect to potential effects on human and animal health and the environment.

Regarding the residues of plant protection products, the amounts of residues found in food must be safe for consumers and must be as low as possible. Maximum Residue Levels have been laid down for conventional soybean and they are also applicable to GM soybeans\(^3\).

Yours sincerely,

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3. The EU legislation on plant protection products and on GMOs is available here: https://ec.europa.eu/food/plant_en

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