

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. CONTEXT OF THE PROPOSAL

Since the entry into force of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003, there has never been a qualified majority amongst Member States in favour of or against a draft Commission Decision authorising GMOs and GM food and feed. The result has always been a “no opinion” for all stages of the procedure (Standing Committee and Appeal Committee under currently applicable rules, or the Council in the past). As a result, the authorisation decisions have been adopted by the Commission, in accordance with applicable legislation, without the support of the Member States. The return of the dossier to the Commission for final decision, very much the exception for the procedure as a whole, has become the norm for decision-making on GM food and feed authorisations. The legal framework allows Member States to adopt measures restricting or prohibiting the use of authorised GMOs and GM food and feed only if they are able to demonstrate that the product in question is likely to pose risks to health and to the environment. However, the issues raised by Member States, which oppose authorisations, have usually nothing to do with science, but rather concern other aspects of the societal debate in their country.

The European Commission was elected on the basis of a set of Political Guidelines presented to the European Parliament. In these Guidelines, a commitment was taken to review the legislation applicable to the authorisation of GMOs.

Gentechnik-Importe sollen künftig anders reguliert werden

Junckers Vorschlag zu Gentechnik-Importen geleakt

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In Brüssel beraten die EU-Kommissare heute über einen Vorschlag ihres Präsidenten Jean-Claude Junckers: er will auch beim Import von gentechnisch veränderten Pflanzen einen nationalen Ausstiegsmechanismus einführen. Das entsprechende Dokument wurde jetzt ins Netz gestellt.

Unklar ist noch, ob die Kommission den Vorschlag heute oder erst kommenden Mittwoch offiziell vorstellt.

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- LEAK: Vorschlag der EU-Kommission: Opt-Out für Import von gentechnisch veränderten Organismen (pdf)
- Junckers Pläne zu Gentechnik-Importen in der Kritik (13.04.15)
- Dossier: Opt-Out: Debatte um Änderung des EU-Gentechnikrechts und nationale Anbauverbote
- Dossier: Die EFSA - Probleme mit der Risikoprüfung von Gentechnik