

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NOVEL FOODS AND PROCESSES

PAPER FOR INFORMATION

EU UPDATE

This paper provides Members with an update on novel food applications under regulation (EC) No 258/97 and other EU issues that are relevant to the work of the Committee.

Novel and GM Food applications:

1. The following novel food application was discussed at a meeting of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health, the regulatory committee made up of representatives of the member states' governments, in April:

GA21 maize: A vote on authorisation of foods derived from this GM maize line was taken, but the necessary majority for reaching a decision was not reached. The Decision will now be referred to the Council of Ministers, which has three months to act, starting from the date of the referral.

2. The Standing Committee is meeting on 19 May, when it is expected that a vote will be taken on authorisation of the GM maize line MON863. The Standing Committee will also discuss the format of the authorisation decision for 1507 maize, which is the first application to approach the end of the procedure under the GM food and feed regulation (1829/2003).
3. The Commission Working Group on Novel Foods, a group that includes representatives of all EU novel food competent authorities (CAs), has not met since the last EU update in March. The next meeting is expected to take place in June.

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4. EFSA has continued to hold further meetings of its scientific panels, although no opinions relevant to the ACNFP have been published. Minutes of the meetings of the GMO Panel held in January, March and April have not yet been released.

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