



The NGT-proposal

Status of negotiations on the European Commission's proposal to amend legislation on plants produced with certain new genomic techniques

Overview

July 5, 2023: The European Commission presented a proposal

Negotiations in the Council

- July 10, 2023 - January 12, 2024: Negotiations in the Council Working Group on the proposal.
 - Risk assessment
 - Ecology
 - Labeling
 - Cultivation exemption
 - Patents
 - Equivalence criteria (Annex 1)

A general recommendation from the Council has not been approved.

Negotiations in the European Parliament

- December 13, 2023: Adoption of the AGRI Committee opinion (Veronica Vrecionova)
 - 75 amendments
- January 29, 2024: ENVI committee report (Jessica Polfjärd)
 - 84 amendments
- February 7, 2024: Vote in the European Parliament



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Selected amendments (supported) by EP

- Prohibit the patenting of NGT plants (article 4a (new)) - and amendments to the Biotechnology Directive (dir. 98/44/EC), (article 33a (new)),
- Maintains the ban on the use of NGT plants in organic production, but introduces an evaluation of consumer and producer perception of NGT, 7 years after entry into force (article 5, 2),
- Introduces a paragraph to address the possible presence of NGT-1 in non-organic inputs in organic production (article 5, 3a (new)),
- Introduces requirements that NGT-1 plants must deliver on sustainability parameters (listed in Annex III, Part 1) and may not be herbicide tolerant (same Annex, Part 2),
- Introduces requirements for monitoring plans (Article 7(2)(d)a (new)) and the possibility of withdrawal of the marketing authorization (Article 11a),
- Introduces traceability and labeling requirements for NGT-1 plants and products (Article 10(1)).

Next steps

Awaiting clarification in the Council with a general approach which can be adopted by qualified majority (i.e. 15 MS, 65% of the population)

Trilogue negotiations can then begin (European Commission, Council of Ministers and European Parliament).



