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Draft decree on the labelling of foodstuffs from production described as “free from genetically modified organisms”.

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Message

Message 002

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No abre el plazo - Nezaahajuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késések - Ma' jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Nao inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist - He ce предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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2. Member State

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

Draft decree on the labelling of foodstuffs from production described as “free from genetically modified organisms”.

6. Products Concerned

Foodstuffs.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The draft sets out labelling rules for operators who wish to showcase the absence of genetically modified organisms in their foodstuffs.

Three categories of ingredients can be the subject of “GMO-free” claims: ingredients of vegetable origin (containing less than 0.1% GMO), ingredients of animal origin (specifically mentioning that the animals have been fed with feed containing less than 0.1% GMO or unlabelled in accordance with Regulation (EC) no 1829/2003) and apiculture products (where they are produced by hives located more than 3 km away from genetically modified crops).

The draft also allows the option to place, on the front of the product and in addition to the ingredients list, a “GMO-free” type claim for any ingredient constituting more than 95% of the foodstuff.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Article 2 of the law no 2008-595 of 25 June 2008 on genetically modified organisms stipulates that, while awaiting a European-level definition, the definition of “GMO-free” be set through regulations, following an opinion of the High-level Biotechnologies Council.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Reference texts: Article L.531-2-1 of the environment code (codification of Article 2 of law no 2008-595 of 25 June 2008).

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

15. Impact assessment

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16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT

NO - The draft does not have a significant effect on international trade.

SPS relevance

NO - The draft does not have a significant effect on international trade.

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