Applications for nine genetically modified organisms for food and feed uses

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Summary of responses

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Important

This consultation references applications now made to England, Scotland and Wales, for products where an application was evaluated by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) prior to the end of the transition period.

In addition to this consultation, we have also published a joint Food Standards Agency (FSA) and Food Standards Scotland (FSS) scientific opinions document, relating to the relevant nine GMOs, after the organisations carried out a quality assurance review of EFSA's risk assessments.

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View FSA FSS Opinions as PDF(Open in a new window) (632.11 KB)
We welcome comments on these scientific opinions, separately to responses to the consultation. Any comments provided on the FSA and FSS opinions will be published and considered for inclusion in our final Ministerial advice. Please send comments, clearly marked as relating to these scientific opinions, to: RPconsultations@food.gov.uk.

Who will this consultation be of most interest to?

- Animal feed manufacturers, importers/exporters and retailers
- All feed purchasers, including for food and non-food producing animals
- Trade bodies representing stakeholders on animal feed, agriculture and the environment
- Trade unions representing stakeholders in the farming industry
- Organisations representing consumer interests in the feed and food-chains
- Enforcement Authorities

Consultation subject

Nine GMOs have been submitted for authorisation in England, Scotland and Wales, where the decision on authorisation will be made by the respective Ministers for each GB nation. This is a function that was previously carried out at an EU level. Since the end of the transition period, assessing food and animal feed safety in the UK has been the responsibility of the FSA and FSS and the authorisation of regulated products is the responsibility of the relevant appropriate authority of each nation.

The finalised FSA/FSS opinions, and the views gathered through this consultation, will be considered and included alongside those of Officials of the Devolved Governments in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, and UK Government Departments other than the FSA to inform Ministers' decision making on whether to authorise the individual GMOs for use in England, Scotland and Wales.

Purpose of the consultation

To seek stakeholders' views, comments and feedback in relation to the GMOs, which have been submitted for authorisation. We ask stakeholders to consider any relevant provisions of retained EU law and other legitimate factors (other evidence further supporting clear, rational and justifiable risk analysis, such as consumer interests, technical feasibility and environmental factors) related to these applications. This is stakeholders' opportunity for input on the advice given to Ministers to inform decision making.

Consultation pack

PDF
View GM FSA/FSS Consultation pack as PDF(Open in a new window) (413.13 KB)

How to respond

Responses to this consultation should be sent to the FSA's Regulated Products Approvals Team, within the Chemical Safety Policy Unit, at: RPconsultations@food.gov.uk.

Publication of response summary

Within three months of a consultation ending we aim to publish a summary of responses received and provide a link to it from this page.

You can find information on how we handle data provided in response to consultations in our Consultations privacy notice.

Further information

This consultation has been prepared in accordance with HM Government Consultation Principles. If an Impact Assessment has been produced, this is included in the consultation documents. If no Impact Assessment has been provided, the reason will be given in the consultation document.