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HEALTH & CONSUMERS DIRECTORATE-GENERAL

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SUMMARY REPORT OF THE APPEAL COMMITTEE

Genetically Modified Food and Feed (soybean MON87701xMON89788)

13 JUNE 2012

President: Ladislav Miko

27 Member States were present.

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted without amendments.

The Chair reminded that the Commission is the main interlocutor of the Member States for the organisation of the Appeal Committee and that raising the issues of the Appeal Committee organization at any other fora may lead to confusion and unnecessary delays.

The Chair also explained the interpretation regime for the Appeal Committee which, as a general rule, follows the applicable regime in the corresponding Standing Committee. In case of a need for additional interpretation facilities, the Commission services will do their utmost to meet this need in the spirit of good cooperation. However, given the strict deadlines that must be respected during the organization of the meeting, the decreasing availabilities of rooms as well as high costs related to any additional interpretation request, the Chair kindly asked the Member States to reflect on the real need for interpretation before sending a request to the Commission.

2. Exchange of views and opinion of the appeal committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified soybean MON87701xMON89788 (MON-87701-2xMON-89788-1) pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council. (Doc. SANCO/10987/2012) (Legal Base: Article. 7(3) and Article 19(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003)

The draft Commission Implementing Decision authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified soybean MON87701xMON89788 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 on genetically modified food and feed was submitted to the Committee for an opinion.

Vote: no opinion (149 votes in favour, 87 votes against, 109 abstentions)

The Chair indicated that the Commission services will proceed with the authorisation and submit a draft measure to the College for possible adoption. Pursuant to Article 4(6) of the Rules of procedure of the appeal committee, the Chair will, as soon as possible, inform the members of the committee on the intention of the Commission.