Authorisation of genetically modified maizes: April 2025

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EU authorises three genetically modified maizes: MON 94804, MON 95275, DP910521

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/692 of 9 April 2025 authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified maize MON 94804 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/694 of 9 April 2025 authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified maize MON 95275 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/699 of 9 April 2025 authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified maize DP910521 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council

Update

The European Union (EU) has authorised the following genetically modified (GM) maizes:

- MON 94804
- MON 95275
- DP910521.

All three authorisations concern the use of the genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in food, food ingredients, feed, and products for any other uses except for cultivation.

Impacted products

Maize (genetically modified MON 94804, MON 95275, DP910521)

Foods, food ingredients, and feed containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified maize MON 94804, MON 95275, or DP910521

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What is changing?

The EU has authorised the sale of three GM maizes: MON 94804, MON 95275, DP910521.

All three authorisations concern use of these GMOs in food, food ingredients, feed, and products for any other uses. These maizes may not be grown in the European Union.

Feed and products other than food and food ingredients containing these maizes must be clearly labelled that they are “not for cultivation”.

Why?

The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), in its scientific opinions (2024a, 2024b, 2024c), concluded that these GMOs are safe under the applicants’ proposed conditions of use.

Timeline

These authorisations are valid for a period of 10 years (until 10 April 2035).

What are the major implications for exporting countries?

Suppliers of food or feed containing or consisting of these GM maizes have long-term legal security for the export of these products to the EU market.

Background

A list of all authorised GM products can be found on the EU Register of authorised GMOs.

The authorisation of GM crops normally requires sufficient support from EU Member States (a qualified majority) to authorise or reject applications. In recent years there has generally been insufficient support for a decision to either authorise or reject applications. In such cases, as here for GM maizes, the European Commission is permitted to authorise these products if EFSA has given a positive risk assessment.

Resources

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Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2003 on genetically modified food and feed

Regulation (EC) No 1830/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2003 concerning the traceability and labelling of genetically modified organisms and the traceability of food and feed products produced from genetically modified organisms and amending Directive 2001/18/EC

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