Authorisation of imports of genetically modified soyabean DBN-09004-6

Published by AGRINFO on 18 Mar 2026

EU approves imports of products that include genetically modified soyabean DBN-09004-6

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/517 of 10 March 2026 authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified soybean DBN-09004-6 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council

Update

The European Union (EU) has approved the placing on the EU market of foods, food ingredients, feed and products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified (GM) soyabean DBN-09004-6. The authorisation does not permit the cultivation of this soyabean in the EU.

Impacted products

Soyabean

What is changing?

Non-EU countries are now allowed to export GM soyabean DBN-09004-6 as food, food ingredients, feed, and products to the EU. Details on the uses, labelling, and methods of detection are given in the Annex.

GM soyabean DBN-09004-6 can **not** be grown in the EU. Any products from this soyabean exported to the EU must be clearly labelled as “not for cultivation”. No additional specific labelling requirements are necessary.

The authorisation holder is Beijing DaBeiNong Biotechnology Co., Ltd.

Copyright © **COLEAD 2026,** *AGRINFO is funded by the European Union and implemented by COLEAD.*

Why?

The approval is based on a favourable opinion by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA 2025) that GM soyabean DBN-09004-6 is safe for human and animal health, as well as the environment. There are no nutritional concerns associated with consuming this soyabean.

Timeline

The EU authorisation for GM soyabean DBN-09004-6 remains valid for 10 years (until March 2036).

What are the major implications for exporting countries?

Suppliers of food containing or consisting of GM soyabean DBN-09004-6 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's GMO Register.

The authorisation of GM crops remains an extremely sensitive political issue in the EU. The authorisation process normally requires EU Member States to authorise or reject applications. In recent years, there has generally not been enough political support (a "qualified majority" of Member States) to reach a decision to either authorise or reject applications. In such cases, as here for GM soyabean DBN-09004-6, the European Commission is permitted to authorise the product in the light of an EFSA positive risk assessment.

Resources

EFSA (2025) Assessment of genetically modified soybean DBN9004 (application EFSA-GMO-BE-2019-165). EFSA Journal, 23(7): e9503.

Sources

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/517 authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified soybean DBN-09004-6

Copyright © **COLEAD 2026,** *AGRINFO is funded by the European Union and implemented by COLEAD.*

Visit the AGRINFO website to view the latest AGRINFO Update newsletters and search the database.

Disclaimer: *Under no circumstances shall COLEAD be liable for any loss, damage, liability or expense incurred or suffered that is claimed to have resulted from the use of information available on this website or any link to external sites. The use of the website is at the user's sole risk and responsibility. This information platform was created and maintained with the financial support of the European Union. Its contents do not, however, reflect the views of the European Union.*

Copyright © **COLEAD 2026,** *AGRINFO is funded by the European Union and implemented by COLEAD.*