Reauthorisation of genetically modified maize T25

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EU reauthorises genetically modified maize T25

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/518 of 10 March 2026 renewing the authorisation for placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified maize T25 (ACS-ZMØØ3-2) pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council

Update

The European Union (EU) has reauthorised the use of T25 (ACS-ZMØØ3-2) as a genetically modified (GM) maize in food, food ingredients, feed, and products for any other uses except for cultivation.

Impacted products

Maize and derived food and feed products

What is changing?

The EU has reauthorised the sale of GM maize T25 (ACS-ZMØØ3-2). The authorisation concerns the use of this GM maize in food, food ingredients, feed, and products for any other uses except for cultivation. Feed, and products other than food and food ingredients, that contain this maize must be clearly labelled as “not for cultivation”.

The authorisation holder is BASF Agricultural Solutions US LLC.

Why?

Following a review, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) has concluded that GM maize T25 is safe under the applicant’s proposed conditions of use (EFSA 2025).

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Timeline

This authorisation is valid for a period of 10 years (until March 2036).

What are the major implications for exporting countries?

Suppliers of food or feed containing or consisting of this GM maize 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 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, the European Commission is permitted to authorise these products if EFSA has given a positive risk assessment.

Resources

EFSA (2025) Assessment of genetically modified T25 maize for renewal authorisation under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 (dossier GMFF-2024-22651). EFSA Journal, 23(8): e9570.

Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 on genetically modified food and feed

Regulation (EC) No 1830/2003 concerning the traceability and labelling of genetically modified organisms and the traceability of food and feed products produced from genetically modified organisms

Sources

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