Renewed authorisations: genetically modified maize MON 87427, oilseed rape MON 88302, and soyabean MON 87708

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EU renews authorisation to import genetically modified maize MON 87427, oilseed rape MON 88302, and soyabean MON 87708

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/2541 of 16 December 2025 on renewing the authorisation for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified maize MON 87427 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/2542 of 16 December 2025 on renewing the authorisation for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified oilseed rape MON 88302 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/2554 of 16 December 2025 renewing the authorisation for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified soybean MON 87708 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council

Update

The European Union (EU) has renewed the authorisations allowing placement on the EU market of foods, ingredients, and feed containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified maize MON 87427, oilseed rape MON 88302, and soyabean MON 87708. The authorisations do not permit the cultivation of these genetically modified crops in the EU.

Impacted products

Maize/corn, oilseed rape, soyabean

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What is changing?

These regulations permit the ongoing sale of food, food ingredients, and feed containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified maize MON 87427 (Decision 2025/2541), oilseed rape MON 88302 (Decision 2025/2542), and soyabean MON 87708 (Decision 2025/2554) on the EU market. The use, labelling, and methods of detection related to these varieties (set out in the respective Annexes) remain unchanged under the reviewed authorisation. Cultivation of genetically modified maize MON 87427, oilseed rape MON 88302, and soyabean MON 87708 is not permitted in the EU.

Why?

The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), in its scientific opinions (2025a, 2025b, 2025c), concluded that there was no evidence of any new hazards or scientific uncertainties that would change the conclusions of the original risk assessments on maize MON 87427, oilseed rape MON 88302, and soyabean MON 87708.

Timeline

This authorisation is valid for a period of 10 years from 18 December 2025.

What are the major implications for exporting countries?

Suppliers of food, feed, or other products containing or consisting of these genetically modified maize, oilseed rape, and soyabean have long-term legal security for the export of these products to the EU market.

Background

A list of all authorised genetically modified products can be found on the European Commission's GMO register.

The authorisation or rejection of genetically modified crops normally requires sufficient support from EU Member States (a qualified majority). In recent years, there has generally been insufficient support to reach a decision to either authorise or reject applications. In such cases, as here for genetically modified maize, oilseed rape, and soyabean, the Commission is permitted to authorise these products if EFSA has given positive feedback.

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Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/2554 renewing the authorisation for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified soybean MON 87708

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