



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

Food and feed safety, innovation
Director

Brussels,
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Dear Petitioner,

Subject: Your email - Stop the import approval for new toxic soy!

Let me reassure you that the Commission, as guardian of the Treaty, is working to ensure the proper implementation of the EU legislation and a high level of protection of human and animal health and the environment.

In the EU, the risk assessment performed in the context of an application of an herbicide-tolerant crop for food and feed uses is focused on the potential impact of the genetic modification on human and animal health and on the environment. The risk assessment of the use of an herbicide is, however, made in the context of the authorisation of the herbicide in question, and the two authorisation procedures are independent.

Concerning the two soybeans FG72 x A5547-127 and DAS-444406-6, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) has performed a comprehensive risk assessment of these GM soybeans.

In its scientific opinions, EFSA concluded that genetically modified soybean DAS-44406-6¹ and FG72 x A5547-127², as described in the applications, are as safe and nutritious as their conventional counterparts and non-genetically modified reference varieties with respect to potential effects on human and animal health and the environment.

Regarding the residues of plant protection products, the amounts of residues found in food must be safe for consumers and must be as low as possible. Maximum Residue Levels have been laid down for conventional soybean and they are also applicable to GM soybeans³.

Yours sincerely,

Sabine Jülicher

¹ EFSA GMO Panel (EFSA Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms), 2017. Scientific opinion on an application by Dow AgroSciences LLC (EFSA-GMO-NL-2012-106) for the placing on the market of genetically modified herbicide-tolerant soybean DAS-44406-6 for food and feed uses, import and processing under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003. EFSA Journal 2017;15(3):4738, 33 pp. doi:10.2903/j.efsa.2017.4738.

² EFSA GMO Panel (EFSA Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms), 2017. Scientific opinion on application EFSA-GMO-NL-2013-120 for authorisation of genetically modified soybean FG72 x A5547-127 for food and feed uses, import and processing submitted in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 by Bayer CropScience LP and M.S. Technologies LLC. EFSA Journal 2017;15(4):4744, 23 pp. doi:10.2903/j.efsa.2017.4744

³ The EU legislation on plant protection products and on GMOs is available here: https://ec.europa.eu/food/plant_en