



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

The Director-General

Brussels,
SANTE.E3/HM/gk (2019)7646335

Dear Petitioner,

Subject: Petition against a GM carnation Moonvista

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 health and the environment.

In the EU, the risk assessment performed in the context of placing on the market genetically modified organisms (GMOs) is related to the protection of human and animal health and the environment.

For the GM carnation Moonvista™, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) has performed a comprehensive risk assessment¹, which took into account the required information in the application for authorisation, the risk assessment carried out by the Dutch scientific advisory committee (COGEM), Member States' comments and the additional information provided by the applicant in order to answer to the questions raised during the risk assessment. EFSA concluded that there is no scientific reason to consider that the import, distribution and selling of these cut flowers for ornamental use will cause adverse effect on human health or the environment.

It should be underlined that this GM carnation is only authorised to be used as ornamental cut flower. Therefore, it cannot be cultivated in the EU or be used for purposes other than ornamental.

Yours sincerely,

For the Director General absent,
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Deputy Director General


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¹ Part C notification (reference C/NL/13/02) from Suntory Holdings Limited for the import, distribution and retailing of carnation FLO-40685-2 cut flowers with modified petal colour for ornamental use <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/4431>