

Withdrawal/Redaction Sheet

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001. cable	Re: UK Proposed Labeling Requirements for Food Containing Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO) (2 pages)	04/11/1994	P1/b(1) v 4/3/2020
002. cable	Re: COREPER Discussions of Genetically Modified Organisms, 19 May 1994 (2 pages)	05/19/1994	P1/b(1) v 4/3/2020
003. cable	Re: Press Reports Indicating British Supermarket Has Banned GMO Tomatoes is False Says Company (2 pages)	09/16/1994	P1/b(1) v 4/3/2020
004. cable	Re: [Regulatory and Patent Issues in Western European Agricultural Biotechnology Field] (4 pages)	11/15/1994	P1/b(1)
005. cable	Re: [Chinese Agricultural Biotechnology Industry] (4 pages)	12/22/1994	P1/b(1)

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RESTRICTION CODES

Presidential Records Act - [44 U.S.C. 2204(a)]

- P1 National Security Classified Information [(a)(1) of the PRA]
- P2 Relating to the appointment to Federal office [(a)(2) of the PRA]
- P3 Release would violate a Federal statute [(a)(3) of the PRA]
- P4 Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information [(a)(4) of the PRA]
- P5 Release would disclose confidential advice between the President and his advisors, or between such advisors [(a)(5) of the PRA]
- P6 Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(a)(6) of the PRA]

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- b(3) Release would violate a Federal statute [(b)(3) of the FOIA]
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- b(6) Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(b)(6) of the FOIA]
- b(7) Release would disclose information compiled for law enforcement purposes [(b)(7) of the FOIA]
- b(8) Release would disclose information concerning the regulation of financial institutions [(b)(8) of the FOIA]
- b(9) Release would disclose geological or geophysical information concerning wells [(b)(9) of the FOIA]

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SUBJ: UK GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE LABELING
OF FOODS USING GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS
TEXT:

***** INCOMPLETE MESSAGE *****

UNCLAS LONDON 00511
DEPT PASS AGRICULTURE ELECTRONICALLY FOR FAS/ITP/ROBERTS;
FAS/OFSTS/WILSON; APHIS/GIDDINGS; FAA/AO/EC/NICKS
E.O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: EAGR, ETRD, EEC, UK
SUBJECT: UK GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE LABELING
OF FOODS USING GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS
1. SUMMARY. UK MINISTERS HAVE ACCEPTED THE RECOMMENDATIONS
MADE BY THE FOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FAC) ON BOTH WHEN FOODS
PRODUCED USING GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS (GMOS)
SHOULD BE LABELED AND WHAT FORM THIS SHOULD TAKE. THE FAC
RECOMMENDED THAT IF A FOODSTUFF CONTAINS A COPY GENE ORIGINALLY
DERIVED FROM A HUMAN; OR, CONTAINS A COPY GENE ORIGINALLY
DERIVED FROM AN ANIMAL THE SUBJECT OF A RELIGIOUS DIETARY
RESTRICTION; OR, IS PLANT OR MICROBIAL MATERIAL AND CONTAINS AN
ANIMAL-DERIVED COPY GENE, THE FOOD SHOULD BE LABELED. THIS
LABELING WOULD TAKE THE FORM OF A DECLARATION SUCH AS "CONTAINS
COPIES OF "X" GENES". THE FAC ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT A PUBLIC
EDUCATION CAMPAIGN BE UNDERTAKEN TO INCREASE PUBLIC
UNDERSTANDING OF THE ROLE OF GMOS. END SUMMARY.
2. THE UK GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT HAS ACCEPTED THE
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FAC ON THE LABELING CRITERIA WHICH
SHOULD BE ADOPTED FOR FOODS CONTAINING GMOS. THE FAC
RECOMMENDATIONS COVERED TWO AREAS.
3. A. WHEN FOODS PRODUCED USING GMOS SHOULD BE LABELED.
THE FAC PROPOSED THAT A GM FOOD SHOULD BE LABELED IF IT:-
I). CONTAINS A COPY GENE ORIGINALLY DERIVED FROM A
HUMAN;
II). CONTAINS A COPY GENE ORIGINALLY DERIVED FROM AN
ANIMAL WHICH IS THE SUBJECT OF RELIGIOUS DIETARY
RESTRICTIONS;
III). IS A PLANT OR MICROBIAL MATERIAL AND CONTAINING A
COPY GENE ORIGINALLY DERIVED FROM AN ANIMAL.

4. THESE RULES WOULD NOT APPLY IF THE INSERTED COPY GENE HAD BEEN DESTROYED BY PROCESSING AND WAS NOT, THEREFORE, PRESENT IN THE FOOD.

5. B. FORMS OF LABELING REQUIRED TO INDICATE THE PRESENCE OF COPY GENES IN A FOODSTUFF.

A DECLARATION SUCH AS "CONTAINS COPIES OF "X" GENES" WOULD BE REQUIRED AS THE FORM OF LABEL ON ALL FOODS MEETING THE CRITERIA FOR LABELING. FOR SINGLE INGREDIENT FOODS AND FOODS SOLD LOOSE THE FAC RECOMMENDED THE THE DECLARATION SHOULD FORM PART OF, OR ACCOMPANY, THE NAME UNDER WHICH THE FOOD IS OFFERED FOR SALE. FOR PREPACKED FOODS CONTAINING INGREDIENTS CONTAINING COPY GENES, THE STATEMENT SHOULD ACCOMPANY THE INGREDIENT IN THE LIST OF INGREDIENTS.

6. THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT A PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN BE MOUNTED TO INCREASE THE DEGREE OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG CONSUMERS ABOUT THE USE OF GM TECHNOLOGY IN THE MANUFACTURE OF FOODSTUFFS. SEITZ##

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SUBJ: UK DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT ISSUES FAST TRACK
PROCEDURE FOR RELEASES OF LOW-RISK GENETICALLY MODIFIED
ORGANISMS

TEXT:

UNCLAS SECTION 01 OFN02 LONDON 01532
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WHITE HOUSE FOR OSTP FOR RACHEL LEVINSON AND OEP
DEPT PASS EPA FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
DEPT PASS USDOC FOR NTIS, NIST
DEPT PASS USDOE FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND OFFICE OF
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INSTITUTES OF HEALTH FOR FOGARTY INTERNATIONAL CENTER
DEPT PASS USDA/APHIS FOR V. GIDDINGS, USDA--ALVIN YOUNG
E.O.12356: N/A
TAGS: TBIO, KSCA, SENV, SOCI, UK
SUBJECT: UK DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT ISSUES FAST TRACK
PROCEDURE FOR RELEASES OF LOW-RISK GENETICALLY MODIFIED
ORGANISMS
REF: 93 LONDON 20735
SUMMARY

1. ON JANUARY 21, 1994, THE UK DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT (DOE)/ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON RELEASES TO THE
ENVIRONMENT (ACRE) ISSUED GUIDANCE NOTE 2, "FAST TRACK
PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN GMO RELEASES". IT COVERS ANYONE
WHO IS APPLYING TO THE DOE FOR CONSENT TO RELEASE A
GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISM (GMO) INTO THE
ENVIRONMENT. THE NOTE SUPPLEMENTS EXISTING LEGISLATION
AND ESTABLISHES NEW PROCEDURES TO EXPEDITE APPLICATIONS
FOR RELEASE SO THAT THEY CAN BE HANDLED IN A PERIOD OF
30 DAYS. THE FOLLOWING OVERVIEW IS EXCERPTED FROM A
JANUARY 21, 1994 DOE PRESS RELEASE. END SUMMARY.
BEGIN TEXT:

2. THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT (DOE) HAS PUBLISHED DETAILS OF ITS FAST TRACK PROCEDURE FOR RELEASES OF CERTAIN LOW RISK GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS (GMOS). THIS WAS A COMMITMENT MADE IN THE 1990 ENVIRONMENT WHITE PAPER "THIS COMMON INHERITANCE". FOR SPECIFIC RELEASES, INDUSTRY AND RESEARCHERS WILL NOW ONLY NEED TO WAIT 30 DAYS AFTER SUBMITTING THEIR APPLICATION FOR A CONSENT BEFORE GOING AHEAD WITH THEIR RELEASE.

3. THE ACCELERATED PROCEDURE REPRESENTS A MAJOR STEP FORWARD, WHICH IS WELCOMED BY INDUSTRY WHICH IS CONCERNED THAT THE REGULATORY REGIME DOES NOT STAND IN THE WAY OF PROGRESS OF THIS DEVELOPING TECHNOLOGY. REDUCTION OF TIME SCALES IS A KEY ISSUE. THE FAST TRACK FOR CERTAIN LOW RISK RELEASES, MOST OF WHICH ARE RELEASES OF CROP PLANTS, CAN BE INTRODUCED BECAUSE THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON RELEASES TO THE ENVIRONMENT (ACRE) HAS USED CURRENT KNOWLEDGE AND THE EXPERIENCE GAINED FROM PREVIOUS RELEASES TO GIVE GENERIC ADVICE TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THIS APPROACH WAS RECENTLY ENDORSED BY THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION.

4. THE FAST TRACK GMO RELEASES WILL BE KEPT UNDER CLOSE REVIEW. ONGOING RELEASES OF OTHER GMOS ARE LIKELY TO GIVE FURTHER INFORMATION RELATING TO RISK, AND IF ACRE CONSIDERS IT APPROPRIATE, THESE GMOS MIGHT BE ADDED TO THE FAST TRACK LIST. HOWEVER, IF ANY NEW INFORMATION ABOUT A FAST TRACK GMO COMES TO LIGHT WHICH INDICATES THAT THERE MIGHT BE SOME CAUSE FOR CONCERN, ITS INCLUSION ON THE LIST, AND THE GENERIC ADVICE, WILL BE RECONSIDERED. THE FAST TRACK IS THE SECOND IN A SERIES OF DOE/ACRE GUIDANCE NOTES. REVISIONS OF THIS GUIDANCE NOTE 2 WILL BE PUBLISHED FAIRLY FREQUENTLY TO REFLECT EXPERIENCE, AND THE CLOSE MONITORING OF THE SCHEME. OTHER TECHNICAL GUIDANCE NOTES ARE EXPECTED IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

5. THE GUIDANCE NOTES ARE PUBLISHED BY THE DOE ON THE ADVICE OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON RELEASES TO THE ENVIRONMENT (ACRE) AND IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE SCOTTISH OFFICE, THE WELSH OFFICE, THE UK MINISTRY OF UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 LONDON 01532
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DEPT PASS USDA/APHIS FOR V. GIDDINGS, USDA--ALVIN YOUNG
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ORGANISMS

AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD AND THE HEALTH AND SAFETY EXECUTIVE. THE GUIDANCE NOTES RELATE TO PART VI OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1990 AND THE GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS (DELIBERATE RELEASE) REGULATIONS 1992 (SI 1992/3280) WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT ON 1 FEBRUARY 1993. THE LEGISLATION INTRODUCED A CONSENT SCHEME FOR ALL GMO RELEASES. ACRE HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS THE COMMITTEE UNDER SECTION 124 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1990 WHICH ADVISES THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON MATTERS RELATING TO CONSENTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY.

6. DOE/ACRE GUIDANCE NOTE 2 IS AVAILABLE BY POST FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT PUBLICATION SALES UNIT, BLOCK 3, SPUR 2, ROOM 1/2, GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, LIME GROVE, EASTCOTE, HA4 8SE (TELEPHONE 081-429-5101), PRICE BPS 5.25 (BPS 1 EQUALS USD 1.53) (INCLUSIVE OF POST AND PACKING). ALL ORDERS FOR THE GUIDANCE SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT. THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION ENDORSED THE FAST TRACK IN THE LETTER OF 27 NOVEMBER 1993 FROM THE CHAIRMAN, SIR JOHN HOUGHTON, TO (SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE ENPIRONMENT) MR. GUMMER. END TEXT.

COMMENT:

7. A COPY OF THE GUIDANCE NOTE 2 HAS BEEN POUCHED TO OES/STH. THE PUBLICATION OF THIS STREAMLINED APPROVAL PROCEDURE FOR GMO RELEASE IS CONSISTENT WITH RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS SELECT COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, SUBCOMMITTEE ON REGULATION OF THE UK BIOTECHNOOY INDUSTRY AND GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS ISSUED IN OCTOBER 1993 (REFTEL). THIS FAST TRACK APPROVAL PROCESS MAY INDICATE FUTURE TRENDS IN EUROPEAN NATIONS. THE JANUARY 20 ISSUE OF THE JOURNAL, "NATURE", NOTED THAT THE GERMAN PARLIAMENT HAS ENACTED LEGISLATION THAT WILL SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF PAPERWORK REQUIRED FOR GMO EXPERIMENTS WITH NO-RISK AND LOW-RISK ORGANISMS. END COMMENT.

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DELIBERATE RELEASE OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS
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WHITE HOUSE FOR OSTP FOR R. LEVINSON AND OEP
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DEPT PASS USDA/APHIS FOR V. GIDDINGS, USDA--ALVIN YOUNG
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TAGS: TBIO, KSCA, SENV, SOCI, UK
SUBJECT: UK DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT REGULATIONS ON
DELIBERATE RELEASE OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS
REF: LONDON 1532
1. PER REFTEL DOCUMENTS INCLUDING LEGISLATION AND
IMPLEMENTATION GUIDANCE FOR UK REGULATIONS GOVERNING
RELEASE OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS (GMOS) TO THE
ENVIRONMENT ARE BEING POUCHED TO OES/STH WITH COPIES TO
USDA/APHIS VIA FPO POST.
2. THE DOCUMENTS ARE:
--STATUTORY INSTRUMENT 1992 NO. 3280, ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION, THE GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS
(DELIBERATE RELEASE) REGULATIONS 1992;
--DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT (DOE)/ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
RELEASES TO THE ENVIRONMENT (ACRE) GUIDANCE NOTE 2:
FAST TRACK PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN GMO RELEASES; AND
--DOE: THE GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS (DELIBERATE
RELEASE) FEES AND CHARGES SCHEME 1993 AND GUIDANCE
NOTES.
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SUBJ: UK PROPOSED LABELING REQUIREMENTS FOR FOOD
CONTAINING GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS (GMO)
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FAS/ITP/ROBERTS; FAS/OFSTS/SEBRANK; APHIS/GIDDINGS;
OSEC/YOUNG; FAS/FAA/NICKS
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TAGS: EAGR, ETRD, EEC, UK
SUBJECT: UK PROPOSED LABELING REQUIREMENTS FOR FOOD
CONTAINING GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS (GMO)
REF: (A) LONDON 511 (B) STATE 88197
1. AS REQUESTED (REFTEL B), POST CONTACTED STUART
MARSHALL, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD
(MAFF), BIOTECHNOLOGY UNIT, AND PHILLIP EDMONDS,
MAFF, CONSUMER PROTECTION DIVISION, TO FURTHER
DISCUSS UK LABELING REQUIREMENTS.
2. BOTH MARSHALL AND EDMONDS WERE FORTHCOMING THAT
THE LABELING REQUIREMENTS WERE THE UK POSITION BEING
USED DURING NEGOTIATIONS ON THE EU'S PRESENT
DISCUSSION ON NOVEL FOODS. ACCORDING TO MAFF, IT WAS
HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT THESE REQUIREMENTS WOULD BECOME
UK LAW AS THE EU HAS THE LEAD ROLE IN LABELING
REGULATIONS.
3. ON THE SPECIFIC POINT OF THE GUIDELINES THAT
WOULD BE EMPLOYED TO DETERMINE WHEN AN INSERTED COPY
GENE WOULD BE CONSIDERED DESTROYED DURING PROCESSING,
MAFF COMMENTED THAT THIS WOULD BE DECIDED ON A CASE
BY CASE BASIS. NO SCIENTIFIC GUIDELINES HAD BEEN
DISCUSSED. THIS EXEMPTION HAD BEEN STATED TO
ESTABLISH THE PRINCIPLE.
4. COMMENT. DURING THE DISCUSSIONS, MAFF STATED
THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MORE (INFORMAL) LIASON
BETWEEN THEMSELVES AND USG (ESPECIALLY FDA) ON THE
QUESTION OF LABELING. MAFF ARE TO INITIATE THIS VIA
THE EMBASSY. THEY ARE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN THE
POSSIBLE GATT IMPLICATIONS OF LABELING POLICY. MAFF
ALSO COMMENTED THAT THE EU IS NOT MAKING GREAT

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By VZ NARA, Date 11/26/2019
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PROGRESS IN ITS NOVEL FOODS REGULATIONS. END
COMMENT.

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SUBJ: COREPER'S DISCUSSIONS OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED
ORGANISMS, 18 MAY 1994
REFERENCES: USECBRUSSELS 4942, USECBRUSSELS 5252
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EC POSTS PASS AGCOUNSELOR
E.O. 12356: N/A
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SUBJECT: COREPER'S DISCUSSIONS OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED
ORGANISMS, 18 MAY 1994
REFERENCES: USECBRUSSELS 4942, USECBRUSSELS 5252
1. THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE, PLEASE SEE PARAGRAPH 5.
2. THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES (COREPER)
MEETING ON 18 MAY 1994 HAS NOT ABLE TO REACH A CONSENSUS
ON THE PROPOSED EU REGULATION ON NOVEL FOODS. THE
DISCUSSION STARTED VERY LATE IN THE DAY AND WILL HAVE TO
CONTINUE AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COREPER ON 24 MAY.
THE GREEK PRESIDENCY STILL INTENDS TO BRING THE PROPOSED
REGULATION TO A VOTE AT THE INTERNAL MARKET COUNCIL
SCHEDULED FOR 16 JUNE.
3. MEMBER STATES REMAIN DIVIDED OVER THE QUESTION OF
SYSTEMATICALLY LABELLING GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS.
RIGHT NOW, THE COMMISSION IS SUPPORTED BY THE UNITED
KINGDOM, FRANCE, BELGIUM, IRELAND AND ITALY IN ITS
OPPOSITION TO SYSTEMATIC LABELLING. DG III IS RESISTING
EXTENSIVE LABELLING BECAUSE IT DOES NOT WANT TO
STIGMATIZE THE PRODUCTS OF MODERN BIOTECHNOLOGY. IT
WOULD REQUIRE UNANIMITY AMONG THE MEMBER STATES TO ADOPT
SYSTEMATIC LABELLING AGAINST THE COMMISSION'S OBJECTION.
THERE MAY, HOWEVER, BE INCREASING PRESSURE FROM THE GREEK

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PRESIDENCY TO REQUIRE MANDATORY LABELLING.

4. AT THIS POINT IN THE DELIBERATIONS, A QUICK, WELL-FOCUSED DEMARCHE FROM THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IN BUTTRESSING THE COMMISSION'S POSITION. THE DEMARCHE COULD SIMPLY PRESENT OUR CONCERNS REGARDING THE TRADE IMPLICATIONS OF MANDATORY LABELLING AND STRESS THAT WE WOULD PREFER THE CASE-BY-CASE APPROACH TAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION.

5. ACTION REQUEST: WASHINGTON AGENCIES SHOULD CONSIDER DRAFTING A DEMARCHE HIGHLIGHTING OUR CONCERNS ABOUT ANY REGULATION THAT WOULD REQUIRE THE MANDATORY LABELLING OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS. SPECIAL EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED ON KEEPING THE UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE, BELGIUM, IRELAND AND ITALY FIRM IN THEIR OPPOSITION TO SYSTEMATIC LABELLING.

6. THE DEMARCHE SHOULD BE DELIVERED NO LATER THAN 26 MAY IN PREPARATION FOR THE COREPER MEETING SHEDULED FOR 1 JUNE.

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SUPERMARKET HAS BANNED GMO TOMATOES IS FALSE SAY
COMPANY
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APHIS/GIDDINGS; FAA/AO/NE/NICKS

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1. ACCORDING TO THE CO-OPERATIVE SUPERMARKET (THE CO-OP), A PRESS REPORT INDICATING THAT IT HAD BANNED PRODUCTS CONTAINING GMO TOMATOES ARE FALSE. THE CO-OP HAD RECEIVED A PRESENTATION FROM THE AGRI-BUSINESS COMPANY, ZENECA, ON ITS GMO TOMATO PUREE AND PASTE PRODUCTS (REFTEL). (ZENECA AND HUNT-WESSON INTEND TO LAUNCH THEIR PRODUCT ON THE UK MARKET IN 1995 UNDER SUPERMARKETS' OWN LABEL BRANDS). HOWEVER, THE CO-OP DECIDED THAT GMO TOMATO PRODUCTS DO NOT HAVE A PLACE WITHIN THEIR EXISTING RANGE. THIS DECISION WAS THEN REPORTED IN "THE TIMES" AS A PRODUCT BAN.

2. THE CO-OP IS THE ONLY SUPERMARKET TO LABEL VEGETARIAN CHEESE MADE WITH THE RENNET SUBSTITUTE, CHYMOSIN, AS BEING A GMO PRODUCT. THE CHEESE CARRIES THE STATEMENT, "PRODUCED USING GENE TECHNOLOGY, AND SO FREE FROM ANIMAL RENNET".

3. THE CO-OP'S POLICY ON GMO FOODSTUFFS IS FIRSTLY

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E.O. 13526, Sec. 3.5 (b)
White House Guidelines, September 11, 2006
By 12 NARA, Date 11/26/2019
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NOT TO STOCK ANY PRODUCT CONTAINING HUMAN GENETIC
MATERIAL. SECONDLY, NOT TO USE FRUIT OR VEGETABLES
CONTAINING ANIMAL GENES IN ITS OWN BRAND PRODUCT, AND
THIRDLY TO LABEL OWN BRAND PRODUCTS WHICH CONTAIN
GMOS FROM NON-RELATED SPECIES. OTHER UK SUPERMARKETS
ARE YET TO DEFINE A POLICY STANCE. CROWE
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RESULTS OF SURVEY AS THEY RELATE TO AGRICULTURE

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY, AS IT RELATES TO AGRICULTURE, OF A SURVEY ON THE ROLE OF BIOTECHNOLOGY IN ENHANCING EUROPEAN COMPETITIVENESS. THE SURVEY WAS UNDERTAKEN BY THE ACCOUNTANTS ERNST AND YOUNG, AND SUPPORTED BY THE SENIOR ADVISORY GROUP BIOTECHNOLOGY (SAGB), WHICH IS A EUROPEAN INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION.

2. COMPANIES WERE ASKED THE EXTENT TO WHICH THEIR CURRENT SALES DEPENDED ON THE APPLICATION OF BIOTECHNOLOGY. THE RESULTS SHOWED THAT IN THE HUMAN AND ANIMAL HEALTH SECTOR, TOTAL EU SALES WERE ECU 69 BILLION IN 1993. OF THIS TOTAL, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT ECU 15 BILLION WERE BIOTECHNOLOGY DEPENDENT. AGRI-SUPPLY TOTAL EU SALES WERE ECU 12 BILLION IN 1993. OF THIS, ECU 1 BILLION WERE BIOTECHNOLOGY DEPENDENT. FOOD SALES WERE ECU 289 BILLION IN TOTAL, WITH ECU 10 BILLION BIOTECHNOLOGY DEPENDENT.

3. THE REPORT STATES THAT, IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE, THERE IS SIGNIFICANT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY IN THE EU, BUT FEW PRODUCTS ON THE MARKET. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THIS SUGGESTS THAT EITHER AGRICULTURAL APPLICATIONS OF

BIOTECHNOLOGY IN EUROPE ARE MORE DIFFICULT OR THE FRUITS OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THIS SECTOR ARE BEING EXPORTED. IT IS CLEAR, SAYS THE REPORT, THAT AGRICULTURE REMAINS AN AREA FOR GREATER FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.

4. THE SURVEY REVEALED THAT IT IS EUROPEAN AGRICULTURAL APPLICATIONS WHICH HAVE FALLEN BEHIND AND WHERE THE NEED TO CATCH UP TO ENSURE LONG TERM COMPETITIVENESS OF THE SECTOR IS MOST ACUTE.

5. THE SURVEY INDICATED THAT IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY, SALES DEPENDENT ON BIOTECHNOLOGY WOULD INCREASE FROM ECU 10 BILLION CURRENTLY TO AROUND ECU 18 BILLION BY THE YEAR 2000. FOR THE AGRI-SUPPLY SECTOR BIOTECHNOLOGY DEPENDENT SALES ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE FROM ECU 1 BILLION CURRENTLY TO ECU 3 BILLION BY THE YEAR 2000.

6. COMMENT. THE RESULTS OF THE ERNST AND YOUNG SURVEY, AS THEY RELATE TO AGRICULTURE AND FOOD, SHOW THAT ONLY 3 PERCENT OF FOOD SALES ARE BIOTECHNOLOGY DEPENDENT. THIS COMPARES TO 59 PERCENT IN THE DIAGNOSTICS AND EQUIPMENT SECTOR, AND 22 PERCENT IN THE HUMAN AND ANIMAL HEALTH SECTOR. HOWEVER, AS FOOD ACCOUNTS FOR OVER HALF OF THE SALES OF THE SECTORS SURVEYED, THE OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THIS SECTOR ARE IMMENSE. GIVEN THAT EU POLICY MAKERS ARE INCREASINGLY GRAPPLING WITH THE QUESTION OF INCREASING EMPLOYMENT AND COMPETITIVENESS, THE RESULTS OF THIS SURVEY WILL NOT HAVE GONE UNNOTICED. END COMMENT. CROWE

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