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001. email	Sean Osterhaus, re: FY-2000 FSA SCP Biotechnology for Sustainable Agriculture [Personally Identifiable Information] [partial] (6 pages)	06/02/2000	b(6)
002. email	Leslie Davidson to Theodore Osius, re: Chancellor Schroeder's New GMO Initiative; German Gov't Launches New Biotech Push (9 pages)	07/10/2000	P1/b(1) <i>11/16/2014</i>

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Exchange Mail

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TO Bowles, Ian A. (ENV)

CARBON_COPY Duncan, John D. (INTECON/DOS)
Hendricks, Lori A. (INTECON)
Lee, Malcolm R. (NEC)
Mitsler, Elaine M. (INTECON)
Samans, Richard (NEC)
Smith, Holly M. (INTECON/INTERN)

TEXT_BODY Ian, in case you have a "take" on this issue as well.... Dick.

-----Original

Message-----

From: Norland, Richard B. (EUR)

Sent: Wednesday,

January 19, 2000 9:02 AM

To: @INTECON - Economic Affairs

Cc: @EUROPE

- European Affairs; Crocker, Bathsheba N. (NSA)

Subject: JBS Response

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FROM Duncan, John D. (INTECON/DOS)
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TO Bowles, Ian A. (ENV)

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FROM Davidson, Leslie K. (VP)
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SUBJECT ITALIAN IMPLEMENTATION OF GMO LABELING REGULATION
[UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Osius, Theodore G. (VP)

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SUBJECT:ITALIAN IMPLEMENTATION OF GMO LABELING

REGULATION

REF:(A)
BRUSSELS 00363
(B) ROME 08858 (1999)

1. SUMMARY: ACCORDING
TO DR PAOLA PICOTTO,
DIRECTOR OF THE MINHEALTH NOVEL FOOD OFFICE
AND
VICE-CHAIR OF THE ITALIAN NOVEL FOODS
COMMITTEE, MOH WILL NOT DISCRIMINATE
BETWEEN
IMPORTED OR DOMESTICALLY IMPORTED FOOD IN
TESTING OF FOOD
PRODUCTS FOR GENETICALLY
MODIFIED ORGANISMS (GMOS).

THE GOI WAS
IN FAVOR OF THE 1% THRESHOLD,
ALTHOUGH IT WILL REQUIRE THAT ITALY
INVEST IN
NEW AND EXPENSIVE EQUIPMENT IN ORDER TO
CONDUCT THE TESTS
ACCURATELY AND
CONSISTENTLY. PICOTTO ADDED THAT THERE ARE
MANY
DETAILS TO BE WORKED OUT, INCLUDING THE
TYPE OF DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED
FOR INDUSTRY
SELF-CERTIFICATION AND GUIDELINES ENSURING
THAT TESTING
PROTOCOLS ARE EQUIVALENT AMONG
MEMBER STATES. ON THE SEVEN GMO
VARIETIES TO
BE SUSPENDED BY THE MOH (REPORTED IN REF B),
PICOTTO
SAID THAT THE CASE IS ON "STAND-BY"
WITH THE SUPERIOR INSTITUTE
OF HEALTH
REVIEWING MATERIAL SUBMITTED BY THE INDUSTRY
TO ASCERTAIN
WHETHER THE PRODUCTS ARE
SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT TO THEIR NON-GMO
COUNTERPARTS.
ITALY SENT A LETTER TO THE
COMMISSION SUGGESTING THAT THE NOTIFICATION
PROCESS
FOR GMO PRODUCTS NEEDED TO BE
REVIEWED. END SUMMARY.

2. ON
JANUARY 20, FAS OFFICERS MET WITH DR.
PICOTTO TO DELIVER HER OFFICIAL
INVITATION TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERNATIONAL VISITOR
PROGRAM.
DR. PICOTTO WILL TRAVEL TO THE
UNITED STATES IN JULY TO LEARN MORE
ABOUT THE
U.S. REGULATORY SYSTEM, LABELING AND CONSUMER
ACCEPTANCE
OF BIOTECHNOLOGY. DR. PICOTTO'S
OFFICE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT
OF
DOMESTIC REGULATIONS FOR NOVEL FOODS AS WELL
AS THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF RELEVANT EU REGULATIONS.

3. ITALY BEGAN QUALITATIVE TESTING
FOR GMOS
IN LATE 1999. WITH RESPECT TO QUANTITATIVE
TESTING, DR.
PICOTTO SAID THAT ITALY WAS IN
FAVOR OF THE 1% THRESHOLD FOR GMO
PRODUCTS
EVEN THOUGH IT MEANS THAT ITALY WILL HAVE TO
MAKE A SIGNIFICANT
INVESTMENT IN NEW
EQUIPMENT IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO ACCURATELY
TEST
TO THIS LEVEL IN A CONSISTENT MANNER.
THE COST OF THE EQUIPMENT
AS WELL AS ROUTINE
TESTING WILL BE PAID BY THE GOI, ALTHOUGH
COMPANIES
REQUESTING MOH CERTIFICATION WILL
BE REQUIRED TO PAY A FEE.

PICOTTO
ADMITTED THAT CURRENTLY TESTING
METHODS FOR CONSUMER-READY PRODUCTS
COULD
VARY THROUGHOUT EUROPE, BUT ADDED THAT ITALY
IS WORKING WITH
THE EU TO HELP STANDARDIZE
TESTING METHODS AMONG MEMBER STATES.

4.
WHILE TESTING PROCEDURES HAVE NOT BEEN

FINALIZED, PICOTTO ENVISIONS
THAT TESTING
WILL BE ON A RANDOM BASIS AND THERE WILL BE
NO DISCRIMINATION
BETWEEN DOMESTIC AND
IMPORTED PRODUCTS. STRICTER TESTING
REQUIREMENTS
WILL BE ENFORCED FOR BABY FOOD,
FOR WHICH NATIONAL LAW ESTABLISHES
A ZERO GMO
TOLERANCE. STILL TO BE RESOLVED ALSO IS WHAT
TYPE OF
DOCUMENTATION WILL BE NECESSARY FOR
INDUSTRY SELF-CERTIFICATION
AND WHAT SHOULD
BE EXPECTED OF SUPPLIERS UP THE CHAIN FROM
FINAL
FOOD PROCESSORS. PICOTTO FEELS THAT
MARKET DEMAND WILL PROBABLY
FORCE THESE
SUPPLIERS TO VOLUNTARILY LABEL GMO CONTENT,
BUT SHE
BELIEVES THE PROCESS SHOULD BE
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SUBJECT: ITALIAN
IMPLEMENTATION OF GMO LABELING REGULATION

REVIEWED. PICOTTO DOES
NOT BELIEVE THE
MINISTRY OF HEALTH WILL REQUIRE RESTAURANTS
TO
LABEL GMO FOODS ON MENUS, ALTHOUGH SHE
POINTED OUT THAT THE CURRENT
REQUIREMENT TO
LABEL FROZEN PRODUCTS IS THE RESULT OF A
JUDICIAL
DECISION, NOT A GOVERNMENT
REQUIREMENT (AND THAT BIOTECH COULD END
UP
"FOLLOWING SUITE").

5. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE
7 GMO
PRODUCTS THAT WERE TO BE SUSPENDED BY THE
MINISTRY OF HEALTH
(REF B), PICOTTO SAID THAT
THE ISSUE WAS STILL ON "STAND-BY". WHILE
THE
HEALTH MINISTER BINDI WAS READY TO BAN THE
PRODUCTS, SHE HAS
BEEN PERSUADED TO WAIT
UNTIL RECENTLY SUBMITTED INFORMATION ON THE
PRODUCTS
IS REVIEWED. PICOTTO EXPLAINED THAT
THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH HAS
HAD CONCERNS ABOUT
THE EQUIVALENCY OF THESE PRODUCTS TO NON-GMO
PRODUCTS
FOR OVER 2 YEARS BUT REPEATED
REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
HAD BEEN
IGNORED BY THE INDUSTRY.

ACCORDING TO PICOTTO, THE INDUSTRY
IS EAGER
TO PROVIDE INFORMATION WHEN A PRODUCT IS UP
FOR APPROVAL,
BUT IGNORES THEIR INFORMATION
REQUESTS AFTER APPROVAL HAS BEEN GIVEN.
PICOTTO
NOTED THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED THE
INFORMATION THEY HAD BEEN REQUESTING
SHORTLY

AFTER THE BAN WAS ANNOUNCED. THE SUPERIOR INSTITUTE OF HEALTH WILL REVIEW THE DATA AND IS EXPECTED TO PRESENT ITS OPINION IN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO TO THE MINISTRY AS TO THE EQUIVALENCY OF THE PRODUCTS. IN THE MEANTIME, MINISTER BINDI SENT A LETTER TO EC PRESIDENT PRODI AND THE COMMISSION EXPRESSING HER CONCERNS WITH THE DOCUMENTATION OF EQUIVALENCY, AND STATING THAT THE NOTIFICATION PROCESS FOR GMO PRODUCTS NEEDED TO BE REVIEWED.

FOGLIETTA

Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 01/28/2000 6:07:55 PM

FROM Norland, Richard B. (EUR)

CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED

SUBJECT Steinberg Letter on GMO's [UNCLASSIFIED]

TO Duncan, John D. (INTECON/DOS)
Bowles, Ian A. (ENV)

CARBON_COPY Blinken, Antony J. (EUR)
Crawford, Bernard T. (EUR/INTERN)
Kass, Nicholas S. (EUR)
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Munter, Cameron P. (EUR)
Norland, Richard B. (EUR)
Quinn, Mary E. (EUR)
Yee, Hoyt B. (EUR)

TEXT_BODY Thanks to you both for steering me toward Cliff Gabriel, who has produced a fine draft (attached). He is currently arranging clearance within OSTP. Could I ask INTECON to arrange clearance as appropriate within NEC, and ENV to clear too? Timeframe is mid-day Tuesday, if possible. Many thanks.

TRANSLATED_ATTACHMENT 0371JBS.doc

January 31, 2000

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES B. STEINBERG

THROUGH: ANTONY BLINKEN

FROM: RICHARD NORLAND

SUBJECT: Response to Mo Mowlam on GMO's

Attached at Tab I is your response to Mo Mowlam's request to share information on

genetically modified foods and crops.

The NSC received the incoming correspondence on January 18, 2000.

Concurrence by: John Duncan, Ian Bowles

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the proposed letter to Mo Mowlam.

Attachment

Tab I Proposed response to Mo Mowlam

Tab A Incoming correspondence

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TRANSLATED_ATTACHMENT

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Dear Mo,

I was delighted to hear from you and to learn that we will continue to work on issues of common interest. As in the UK and the rest of Europe, public debate in

the United States on the merits of biotechnology derived crops and food is growing. I think it is crucial that this debate be conducted in a manner that promotes more understanding and less posturing by the technology's advocates and critics. Based on the UK's experience, I know this is not going to be easy.

Fortunately, in the United States we engaged the public on this issue in the 1980's and early 1990's during the establishment of our biotechnology regulatory structure. Most of the concerns expressed by the technology's critics were

addressed at that time. Other concerns, such as impacts on genetic conservation and rural communities, relate more to technological advancements in agriculture generally. However, as new biotech products flow into the marketplace, it is apparent we must continue to engage the public in an open and transparent decision-making process.

The Food and Drug Administration recently completed a series of public meetings to get input on their regulatory procedures. The Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently constituted a new broad-based biotechnology advisory committee to

guide its actions. Before any biotechnology regulation is finalized, it goes through a process of extensive public comment and scientific analysis. Our regulatory agencies assess the status of the science and regulate accordingly. For example, USDA just entered into a contract with the National Academy of Sciences to ensure the Department is asking the right questions about any risks that might be associated with new plant varieties.

We strongly believe this technology holds enormous promise to improve environmental quality as well as food safety and nutrition. However, I believe this promise will not be realized if we ignore public concern or weaken our science-based approach to regulation. In addition to me, you can contact Lael Brainard, Deputy Assistant to the President for International Economic Policy, or

Neal Lane, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology. We have a lot of work to do on both sides of the Atlantic.

Sincerely,

Rt Hon Marjorie Mowlam

Minister for the Cabinet Office
70 Whitehall
London SW1A 2AS
United Kingdom

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Crocker, Bathsheba N. (NSA)

TEXT_BODY I'd be interested in others' views as well. thanks.

-----Original

Message-----

From: Duncan, John D. (INTECON/DOS)

Sent: Tuesday,

February 01, 2000 3:32 PM

To: Norland, Richard B. (EUR); Bowles,

Ian A. (ENV)

Cc: @BLINKEN; Crocker, Bathsheba N. (NSA)

Subject: RE:

Steinberg Letter on GMO's [UNCLASSIFIED]

Folks,

I am running

this by NEC. The part where we say fortunately we engaged the U.S. public on this in the 1980s and early 1990s, and that most of the tech critics concerns were addressed then, strikes me as a little arrogant and dangerous given the way things could be heading in the U.S. My read on this is that the American public is largely clueless on these issues and are just now waking up to the fact that a battle is waging across the Atlantic. It is by no means clear to me that we will not have the same problems as Europe when these issues have been fully and publicly vetted in a way that actually engages the U.S. public. I would be a lot more cautious on what I said about

this in the letter. Interested in Ian's and Tony's thoughts. John

-----Original

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From: Norland, Richard B. (EUR)

Sent: Friday, January

28, 2000 6:08 PM

To: Duncan, John D. (INTECON/DOS); Bowles, Ian

A. (ENV)

Cc: @BLINKEN

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TO Osterhaus, Sean C. (INTECON/INTERN)

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TAGS: OEXC, SCUL
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1.
WE WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE A GROUP OF UKRAINIAN OFFICIALS FOR THE SUBJECT PROJECT. UKRAINIAN ESCORT/INTERPRETERS REQUIRED. DURATION - TWO WEEKS. PREFERABLE PROGRAM DATES: PLEASE ADVISE. COMPLETE BIODATA AND PROGRAM PROPOSALS FOLLOW.

2. PROGRAM PROPOSALS AND BIODATA

EXPORT
SOURCE: PAS EVDB VERSION 1.0
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START NOMINATION:
POST
EMAIL : IKIEV#EXCHANGE.USIA.GOV
POST NAME : PAS KIEV

USIA
OFFICE : ECA/PE/V/G/E
POST PROJ ID : 28
PROJ NAME
: BIOTECHNOLOGY FOR SUSTAINABLE
AGRICULTURE
PROJ DESC:
THE
PROJECT IS DESIGNED FOR OFFICIALS FROM UKRAINIAN
AGENCIES WHO ARE
OR WILL BE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF REGULATIONS
GOVERNING BIOTECHNOLOGY IN
AGRICULTURE. THE PROGRAM WILL GIVE THE
DELEGATION AN
OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE THE ISSUE OF BIOTECHNOLOGY
IN THE
UNITED STATES.
END PROJ-DESC
PROJ TYPE : SINGLE
COUNTRY PROJECT
PROG TYPE : IV GRANT VISITOR
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: 2000
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POST OBJ:
ACCURATE INFORMATION
REGARDING BIOTECHNOLOGY IS NOT
READILY AVAILABLE IN UKRAINE AND
THIS DELEGATION COULD
SERVE AS AN IMPORTANT VEHICLE FOR IMPROVING
AND
INCREASING INFORMATION ON THIS TOPIC. THE MAIN OBJECTIVE
OF
THIS PROJECT IS TO HELP TO DEVELOP TRANSPARENT AND
NON-RESTRICTIVE
BIOTECHNOLOGY REGULATORY FRAMEWORK.
UKRAINE IS IN THE PROCESS OF
DEVELOPING NATIONAL
LEGISLATION GOVERNING GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS
(GMO),
INCLUDING THEIR DEVELOPMENT, IMPORTATION, AND
UTILIZATION. CURRENTLY,
THERE ARE FIVE GMO PLANT
VARIETIES THAT UNDERGO THE REGISTRATION
PROCESS IN
UKRAINE, INCLUDING THOSE DEVELOPED BY U.S. COMPANIES.
SOME
PRODUCTS HAVE BEEN IN TESTING FOR MORE THAN THREE
YEARS BUT HAVE

NOT YET RECEIVED REGISTRATION OR
REGULATORY APPROVAL BECAUSE OF
THE ABSENCE OF RELEVANT
NATIONAL LEGISLATION AND LACK OF EXPERIENCE
AND

KNOWLEDGE BY UKRAINIAN REGULATORS.

THE INCLUSION OF A JOURNALIST

IN THE GROUP WOULD HELP

DISSEMINATE ACCURATE INFORMATION TO THE
PUBLIC ON THESE

HIGHLY COMPLEX AND CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES.

END-POST-OBJ

POST-RCMD:

NOMINEES

WOULD BENEFIT FROM MEETING U.S. REGULATORS WHO

DEAL WITH AGRICULTURAL

PRODUCTION AND FOOD SAFETY. WE

WOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THE

DELEGATION MEET WITH

REPRESENTATIVES FROM U.S. REGULATORY AGENCIES

SUCH AS

USDA (ANIMAL PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE/APHIS,

FOOD

SAFETY INSPECTION SERVICE/FSIS) AND FDA AS WELL AS

WITH THE AGENCY

FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND THE

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION.

IN ADDITION, WE WOULD

SUGGEST A VISIT TO THE INTERNATIONAL FOOD

INFORMATION

COUNCIL. VISITS TO FARMS UTILIZING BIOTECHNOLOGY, AS

WELL

AS UNIVERSITIES WHERE RESEARCH ON BIOTECHNOLOGY IS

OCCURRING, WOULD

ALSO BE USEFUL.

MORE SPECIFICALLY, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT

PARTICIPANTS

VISIT:

1.

DEMONSTRATION PLOTS OF MONSANTO COMPANY, VIRGINIA;

2. INTERNATIONAL

SERVICE FOR ACQUISITION OF AGRI-BIOTECH

APPLICATIONS (ISAAA),

CORNELL UNIVERSITY;

3. RESEARCH FACILITIES FOR PLANT BIOTECHNOLOGY/GENETIC

ENGINEERING, INCLUDING BOYCE THOMPSON INSTITUTE,

CORNELL UNIVERSITY;

4.

ROCKEFELLER UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK;

5. WEILL MEDICAL COLLEGE, CORNELL
UNIVERSITY;

6. NOVARTIS AGRIBUSINESS BIOTECHNOLOGY RES., INC. (RES.

TRIANGLE PARK, NC);

7. CALGENE DEPARTMENTS, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA,
DAVIS

IF POSSIBLE, PARTICIPANTS SHOULD MEET WITH THE FOLLOWING
PEOPLE:

SUSAN M. KOELER, PH.D, BIOTECHNOLOGIST, USDA,
APHIS, BIOTECHNOLOGY

AND SCIENCE SERVICES, BIOTECHNOLOGY
EVALUATION, RIVERDALE, MD; JANET

L. ANDERSEN, PH.D,

DIRECTOR, BIOPESTICIDES AND POLLUTION PREVENTION
DIVISION

EPA, WASH

INGTON, D.C.; JAMES MARYANSKI, PH.D,
BIOTECHNOLOGY STRATEGIC

MANAGER, FOOD AND DRUG

ADMINISTRATION, WASHINGTON, D.C.; JOSETTE

LEWIS, PH.D,

BIOTECHNOLOGY ADVISOR, USAID; PROF. M. WEKSLER, WEILL
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b(4) Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential or financial information [(b)(4) of the FOIA]
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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HEAD, DEPARTMENT OF CELL BIOLOGY AND
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KIEV UNIVERSITY.

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GY, SUPPORTED BY CRDF AND VISIT TO CLEMSON
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END US-TRAVEL

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NUMEROUS TRIPS ABROAD
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EDUCATION:

--1995,

CORRESPONDING MEMBER, NATIONAL ACADEMY OF
SCIENCE;

--1994, PROFESSOR,
INSTITUTE OF CELL BIOLOGY AND GENETIC
ENGINEERING;

--1988, DOCTOR
OF SCIENCE IN RADIATION BIOCHEMISTRY;

--1981, CANDIDATE OF SCIENCE
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--1973-1978, KIEV STATE UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT
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MEMBERSHIPS:
--INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
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--FEDERATION
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--BIOSAFETY
INFORMATION NETWORK AND ADVISORY SERVICE
(UNIDO), UKRAINIAN REPRESENTATIVE;
--UKRAINIAN
SOCIETY OF PLANT PHYSIOLOGISTS, MEMBER OF
PRESIDIUM;
--UKRAINIAN
SOCIETY OF GENETICISTS AND BREEDERS, MEMBER.
END-MEMBERSHIPS
PUBLICATIONS:
A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF SCIENTIFIC
PUBLICATIONS IN THE FIELD OF
HIS EXPERTISE.
END-PUBLICATIONS
FIRST-LANG : UKRAINIAN
ENGL
READ : 3
ENGL-SPEAK : 3
ENGL-COMP : 3
START
OTHER LANG-REC
OTHER-LANG : RUSSIAN
OTHER LANG-ID :
RU
END-OTHER-LANG-REC
SPEAKER? : NO
NOTIFY-EMB
: NO
MEDIA? : NO
HOME-STAY : NO
HOME-HOSP?
: YES
E-I-TYPE : SIMULTANEOUS
NOMINEE-ID
: 195
PERSON-ID : 217
BIRTH CNTRY ID : UP

CITIZ-CNTRY-ID
: UP
RES-CNTRY-ID : UP
FIRST LANG-ID : UK
E-I TYPE-ID
: S
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SUBJECT: FY-2000 FSA SCP BIOTECHNOLOGY FOR SUSTAINABLE
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CITIZ CNTRY
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PROTECTION
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EDUCATION

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ENGL

SPEAK : 1

ENGL COMP : 1

START OTHER LANG REC

OTHER

LANG : RUSSIAN

OTHER LANG ID : RU

END-OTHER LANG-REC

NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

DR.

TARASENKO IS AN OFFICIAL WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT

OF LEGISLATION ON BIOTECHNOLOGY. HE IS A

MEMBER OF THE WORKING

GROUP ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE

UKRAINIAN LAW ON STATE ENVIRONMENTAL

RISK

ASSESSMENT OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS IS ONE
OF THE MAJOR

COMPONENTS OF THE BIOTECHNOLOGY REGULATORY

FRAMEWORK. IN UKRAINE'S

CASE, THE DEPARTMENT OF BIO-

RESOURCES HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR

THE DEVELOPMENT OF

REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE ENVIRONMENTAL RISK

ASSESSMENT

AND IMPACT OF GMO SEEDS TO THE ENVIRONMENT. IT IS VERY
LIKELY

THAT THIS DEPARTMENT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
IMPLEMENTATION

OF THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL ON BIODIVERSITY.

END NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION

SPEAKER?

: NO

NOTIFY EMB : NO

MEDIA? : NO

HOME-STAY

: NO
HOME-HOSP? : YES
E-I-TYPE : SIMULTANEOUS
NOMINEE-ID
: 196
PERSON-ID : 218
BIRTH CNTRY ID : UP
CITIZ
CNTRY ID : UP
RES-CNTRY ID : UP
FIRST-LANG-ID : UK
E-I-TYPE-ID
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END-BIO

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PRINCIPAL?
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PREV-POSITIONS:
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US-TRAVEL:

NONE

END-US.TRAVEL

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1997-1999, TRIPS TO HUNGARY,

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UKRAINIAN

SOCIETY OF GENETICISTS AND BREEDERS, MEMBER

END-MEMBERSHIPS

PUBLICATIONS:

MORE THAN 40 PUBLICATIONS IN THE FIELD OF
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END PUBLICATIONS

FIRST-LANG

: UKRAINIAN

ENGL-READ : 1

ENGL-SPEAK : 1

ENGL-COMP

: 1

START OTHER-LANG-REC

OTHER-LANG : RUSSIAN

OTHER-LANG-ID

: RU

END-OTHER-LANG-REC

SPEAKER? : NO

NOTIFY-EMB

: NO

MEDIA? : NO
HOME-STAY : NO
HOME-HOSP?
: YES
E-I-TYPE : SIMULTANEOUS
NOMINEE-ID
: 197
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BIRTH-CNTRYID : RS
CITIZ-CNTRY-ID
: UP
RES-CNTRY-ID : UP
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PREV-POSITIONS: NONE
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US-TRAVEL:
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MEDIA? : NO
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: YES
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ID : UP
RES-CNTRY ID : UP
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--1999, BIRTH DEFECTS PROGRAM, S. ALABAMA MEDICAL SCHOOL

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MEMBERSHIPS:
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PRESIDENT, UKRAINIAN ALLIANCE
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END-MEMBERSHIPS
PUBLICATIONS:
A NUMBER
OF PUBLICATIONS IN THE FIELD OF HIS EXPERTISE
END-PUBLICATIONS
FIRST
LANG : UKRAINIAN
ENGL-READ : 2
ENGL-SPEAK
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ENGL-COMP : 2
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: POLISH
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NOTIFY-EMB : NO
MEDIA? : NO
HOME-STAY
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HOME-HOSP? : YES
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CITIZ-CNTRY-ID
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RES-CNTRY-ID : UP
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EDITOR, DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND
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NEWSPAPER
END-PREV-POSITIONS
US
TRAVEL: NONE
END-US-TRAVEL
OTHER-TRAVEL: NONE
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EDUCATION:
1971-1976, KIEV STATE UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT
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ENGL-READ : 1
ENGL-SPEAK : 1
ENGL-COMP
: 1
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OTHER-LANG : RUSSIAN
OTHER-LANG-ID
: RU
END-OTHER-LANG-REC
START OTHER LANG REC
OTHER-LANG
: GERMAN
OTHER-LANG-ID : GM
END-OTHER-LANG-REC
SPEAKER?
: NO
NOTIFY-EMB : NO
MEDIA? : NO
HOME-STAY
: NO
HOME HOSP? : YES
E-I TYPE : SIMULTANEOUS
NOMINEE-ID
: 200
PERSON-ID : 222
BIRTH-CNTRY-ID : UP
CITIZ-CNTRY-ID
: UP
RES-CNTRY-ID : UP
FIRST-LANG ID : UK
E-I TYPE-ID
: S

END-BIO
END NOMINATION

3. WE WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE
MR. ANATOLIY BOCHKAREV,
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, STATE COMMISSION OF UKRAINE
FOR TESTING
AND PROTECTION OF PLANT VARIETIES, AS AN ALTERNATE
CANDIDATE.
COMPLETE BIODATA WILL BE PROVIDED WHEN
NECESSARY.

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Exchange Mail

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FROM Davidson, Leslie K. (VP)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT CHANCELLOR SCHROEDER'S NEW GMO INITIATIVE; GERMAN GOV'T
LAUNCHES NEW BIOTECH PUSH
[UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Osius, Theodore G. (VP)
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SENSITIVE

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STATE PASS WHITE HOUSE - OSTP
ROME PASS USDA U/S SCHUMACHER

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12958: N/A
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SUBJECT:
CHANCELLOR SCHROEDER'S NEW GMO INITIATIVE; GERMAN
GOV'T LAUNCHES
NEW BIOTECH PUSH

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SUMMARY

1.
(SBU) GREATER DETAIL ON CHANCELLOR SCHROEDER'S

AGRICULTURAL BIOTECH INITIATIVE (REFS A-B) HAS EMERGED THROUGH A SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS WITH GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES. NEGOTIATIONS ARE SET TO BEGIN SOON BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY THAT WILL LEAD TO A VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES THAT WILL MARK THE WAY FORWARD ON AGRICULTURAL BIOTECH OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS. BOTH SIDES EXPECT THE AGREEMENT TO EXCHANGE INDUSTRY ACQUIESCENCE TO A RESEARCH AND MONITORING PROGRAM FOR GREATER GOVERNMENT SUPPORT OF GMOS SHOULD THE MONITORING INDICATE ACCEPTABLE ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH RISKS. THERE ARE STILL VISIBLE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION -- BOTH BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY AND WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT ITSELF -- OVER THE EXACT NATURE OF THE VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT TO BE REACHED. INDUSTRY VIEWS THE INITIATIVE VERY POSITIVELY, AND HOPES IT CAN ACT AS A MODEL TO BE SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE EU. THE HEALTH MINISTRY BELIEVES THE AGREEMENT WILL CLOSELY RESEMBLE THE BRITISH MORATORIUM. CONTROL OF THE INITIATIVE WILL REMAIN IN THE CHANCELLERY (NOT IN THE HEALTH MINISTRY, WHICH UNTIL NOW HAS HAD LEAD ON ALL BIOTECH ISSUES), HOWEVER, WHICH COULD MEAN THAT THE PRO-BIOTECH ECONOMICS, RESEARCH AND AGRICULTURE MINISTRIES HAVE FINALLY WON GREATER CONTROL OVER GERMANY'S OVERALL BIOTECH POLICY.

2. (U) SCHROEDER'S GMO INITIATIVE IS TAKING PLACE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A STEPPED-UP GOVERNMENT CAMPAIGN TO PUSH ALL ASPECTS OF BIOTECH RESEARCH AND APPLICATIONS. THE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH MINISTRY ANNOUNCED ON JULY

4 THAT IT IS PURSUING
A POLICY DESIGNED TO MAKE GERMANY THE NUMBER
TWO COUNTRY
(BEHIND THE U.S.) IN BIOTECHNOLOGY. THE GOVERNMENT
WILL
INCREASE GENETIC RESEARCH FUNDING BY 70 PERCENT IN 2001,
ADDING
USD 72 MILLION TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET. CHANCELLOR
SCHROEDER HAS ALSO
TERMED BIOTECHNOLOGY TO BE A "KEY"
TECHNOLOGY EQUAL TO INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY, AND HE INCLUDED
AGRICULTURAL BIOTECH IN THIS ASSESSMENT.
END SUMMARY.

OUTLINES OF A PLAN EMERGE

3.
(U) SCHROEDER ANNOUNCED HIS INITIATIVE WITH A SPEECH TO
THE FIRM
KWS EINBECK, GERMANY'S LEADING GMO RESEARCHER AND
PRODUCER, WHICH
IS HOSTING AN EXHIBIT ON PLANT BREEDING AS
PART OF THE WORLD FAIR
2000. THE SPEECH DIFFERED NOTICEABLY
FROM THE VERSION LEAKED TO
THE PRESS, WHICH HAD APPARENTLY
SPOKEN OF A THREE-YEAR HALT TO ALL
COMMERCIAL GMO PLANTINGS
(REF. B). SCHROEDER SPOKE VERY POSITIVELY
ABOUT AGRICULTURAL
BIOTECHNOLOGY, STATING THAT THE RECENT GERMAN
BIOTECH DYNAMIC
(WHICH HAS SEEN RAPID INCREASES IN THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF
FIRMS) MUST BE EXPANDED INTO AGRICULTURAL BIOTECH. IN
ORDER
FOR
THIS TO HAPPEN, CONSUMER ACCEPTANCE OF GMOS NEEDS TO BE
INCREASED.
TO DO THIS, SCHROEDER SUGGESTED TO INDUSTRY THAT
IT COME TO A VOLUNTARY
AGREEMENT THAT ALL CURRENT OR FUTURE
GMO VARIETAL APPROVALS WOULD
ONLY BE USED WITHIN THE
FRAMEWORK OF A RESEARCH AND MONITORING PROGRAM
(WHICH WOULD
LAST FOR AN UNSPECIFIED -- AND LIKELY TO BE NEGOTIATED

--

PERIOD OF TIME). THE MONITORING PROGRAM WOULD CALM THE PUBLIC CONCERNS WHILE GIVING INDUSTRY BETTER PLANNING ABILITY.

4. (SBU) COMMENT:

THE KEY POINT OF SCHROEDER'S SPEECH IS NOT WHAT HE SAID, BUT WHAT HE DID NOT. UNLIKE PREVIOUS GERMAN GOVERNMENT STATEMENTS (REF. C), HE NEVER GAVE ANY INDICATION THAT CONSUMER CONCERNS ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH SAFETY ARE JUSTIFIED. RATHER, HE SIMPLY NOTED THAT THEY EXIST, AND THAT IT MUST BE THE GOAL OF ALL INVOLVED (SCIENCE, INDUSTRY, APPROVAL BODIES, CONSUMERS) TO INCREASE TRANSPARENCY OF SCIENTIFIC STUDIES AND PUBLIC INFORMATION TO PROVIDE A SOLID BASIS FOR USING GENETIC TECHNOLOGY. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT DEPARTURE, FOR IT INDICATES THAT THE DOMINANT GERMAN GOVERNMENT VIEWPOINT IS THAT GMOS ARE SAFE, AND THAT THE MESSAGE JUST NEEDS TO GET ACROSS TO THE PUBLIC. UNFORTUNATELY, IT DOES NOT INDICATE THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL GET OUT IN FRONT OF PUBLIC OPINION IN ORDER TO HELP RESOLVE OUR TRADE AND "PRECAUTIONARY PRINCIPLE" DISPUTES, BUT WILL RATHER WAIT FOR ACCEPTANCE TO COME. BUT AT LEAST THERE NOW SEEMS TO BE A DRIVE TO PUSH SUCH ACCEPTANCE. END COMMENT.

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STILL
DISSENT WITHIN GOVERNMENT

5.
(SBU) THE GOVERNMENT IS STILL NOT QUITE CLEAR, HOWEVER, ON
EXACTLY
WHAT IT WANTS FROM THE AGREEMENT. THE GREENS
PARTY-LED HEALTH MINISTRY,
WHICH IS THE LEAD AGENCY ON
BIOTECH POLICY, SEEMS TO EXPECT AN ARRANGEMENT
MIRRORING THE
BRITISH THREE-YEAR MORATORIUM. ASSISTANT SECRETARY-
EQUIVALENT
ULRIKE
RIEDEL TOLD US THAT THE AGREEMENT WOULD OBLIGATE
INDUSTRY TO FORSAKE
COMMERCIAL CULTIVATION OF GMO CROPS FOR
THREE YEARS, EVEN VARIETIES
THAT ALREADY HAVE EU APPROVAL.
THE THREE YEAR MONITORING PROGRAM
WOULD END WITH A "RISK
ASSESSMENT" LIKE THAT FORESEEN BY THE REVISED
EU 90/220
DIRECTIVE. FUTURE POLICY COULD THEN BE MADE ON THE BASIS
OF
THIS RISK ASSESSMENT.

6. (SBU) A CONTACT AT THE ROBERT KOCH
INSTITUTE (ROUGHLY THE
GERMAN EQUIVALENT OF THE FDA AND CDC) WHO
WAS PRIVY TO THE
PREPARATIONS OF THE CHANCELLOR'S SPEECH, TOLD US
THAT THE
CHANCELLOR WOULD ALLOW GERMANY'S LIMITED COMMERCIAL
CULTIVATION
TO CONTINUE DURING THE PROGRAM, JUST THAT SUCH
CULTIVATION SHOULD
BE MONITORED. HE ALSO NOTED THAT SCHROEDER
HAD DECIDED TO KEEP THE
LEAD ON THE INITIATIVE WITHIN THE

CHANCELLERY AGAINST THE EXPLICIT
REQUEST OF THE HEALTH
MINISTRY. AN ECONOMICS MINISTRY CONTACT NOTED
THAT
DISCUSSIONS WERE JUST BEGINNING WITH INDUSTRY, AND IT WAS
TOO
EARLY
TO SAY WHERE THEY WOULD END. SHE SPECULATED THAT THE
CHANCELLOR'S
INITIATIVE MAY IN PART HAVE BEEN MOTIVATED BY
RECENT OECD EVENTS
SUCH AS THE EDINBURGH BIOTECH CONFERENCE
THAT HIGHLIGHTED THE SCIENTIFIC
CONSENSUS ABOUT GMO SAFETY
(COMMENT: THIS ALLOWS THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT
TO SEEK SHELTER
FROM DOMESTIC GREEN OPPOSITION IN A MULTILATERAL
TENT).

INDUSTRY IS PLEASED

7.
(SBU) REPRESENTATIVES FROM MONSANTO GERMANY, ALFRED
TOEPFER INTERNATIONAL,
AND OTHER FIRMS INVOLVED IN THE
"BIOTECHNOLOGY WORKING GROUP" (AN
INDUSTRY FORUM) WERE VERY
UPBEAT ABOUT THE SCHROEDER PROPOSAL. THEY
WERE ADAMANT THAT
IT DID NOT RESEMBLE THE BRITISH SITUATION FOR
TWO REASONS:
UNDER THE SCHROEDER PLAN COMMERCIAL CULTIVATION COULD
CONTINUE,
AND SCHROEDER WAS CLEAR THAT GMO CROPS GROWN FOR
RESEARCH PURPOSES
WOULD NOT BE DESTROYED, IN ORDER TO AVOID
THE APPEARANCE THAT THE
GOVERNMENT CONSIDERED THEM DANGEROUS.
THE MONSANTO REPRESENTATIVE
WAS ENTHUSIASTIC ENOUGH TO VIEW
THE CHANCELLOR'S INITIATIVE AS A
POSSIBLE MODEL FOR OTHER EU
MEMBERS TO EMULATE.

NO
RESPONSE FROM ENVIRONMENTALISTS. YET.

8.

(U) SO FAR, SCHROEDER'S PROPOSAL HAS NOT MOTIVATED PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE ENVIRONMENTALIST AND CONSUMER-ADVOCACY GROUPS. THE OPPOSITION OF GERMAN ENVIRONMENTAL NGOS TO AGRICULTURAL BIOTECHNOLOGY IS AN ARTICLE OF FAITH, HOWEVER, AND NOT AMENABLE TO RATIONAL ARGUMENT -- OR FASTIDIOUS MONITORING.

GOVERNMENT
PUSHING BIOTECH IN GENERAL

9.

(U) THE CHANCELLOR'S INITIATIVE IS PART OF AN OVERALL GOVERNMENT STRATEGY TO SUPPORT AND INTENSIFY THE BIOTECH SECTOR HERE. AS OUR ECONOMICS MINISTRY CONTACT PUT IT, "BIOTECH HAS BEEN IN THE AIR" OF LATE. CLOSE ON THE HEELS OF SCHROEDER'S SPEECH, THE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH MINISTRY ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD INCREASE SUPPORT OF GENETIC RESEARCH BY 70 PERCENT -- USD 72 MILLION -- IN THE 2001 BUDGET. THIS FOLLOWS TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF BIOTECH R&D BUDGET INCREASES AND A FLOWERING OF BIOTECH CORPORATIONS. WHILE MOST OF THE BIOTECH DRIVE HAS BEEN IN THE PHARMACEUTICAL AREA, THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO HEAVILY SUPPORTED A PLANT GENOME PROJECT AKIN TO THE HUMAN GENOME PROJECT. THE GOVERNMENT HOPES WITH THESE PROGRAMS TO PLACE GERMANY IN THE NUMBER TWO POSITION WORLDWIDE IN BIOTECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

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CHANCELLOR SCHROEDER'S NEW GMO INITIATIVE; GERMAN
GOV'T LAUNCHES
NEW BIOTECH PUSH

10. (SBU) SCHROEDER'S PROPOSAL APPEARS -- OVERALL
-- TO BE A
POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT. THE CHANCELLOR EXPLICITLY PRAISED
AGRICULTURAL
BIOTECHNOLOGY AND STATED HIS INTENT TO PUSH ITS
DEVELOPMENT IN GERMANY.
THE APPARENT DECISION TO RUN THE
INITIATIVE FROM THE CHANCELLERY
RATHER THAN HAND IT TO THE
OPENLY ANTI-GMO HEALTH MINISTRY IS A
MINOR VICTORY FOR U.S.
INTERESTS IN ITSELF. THE REASONS FOR REMAINING
SKEPTICAL
ABOUT ITS CHANCES FOR ACTUALLY INCREASING PUBLIC
ACCEPTANCE
OF
GMOS AND THUS ASSISTING IN RESOLVING OUR TRADE CONCERNS ,
HOWEVER,
ARE STILL VALID (REF. C). PUBLIC OPPOSITION TO GMOS
IS PROBABLY
SHALLOW ENOUGH TO BE OVERCOME BY A WIDE-SCALE
ENVIRONMENTAL AND
HEALTH MONITORING PROGRAM SUCH AS PROPOSED
BY THE CHANCELLOR. BUT
THE MONITORING PROGRAM WILL FACE AN
UPHILL BATTLE IN GETTING ITS
MESSAGE ACROSS FOR TWO REASONS:
(1) THE GERMAN PUBLIC WILL LIKELY
CONTINUE TO VIEW THE
ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS AS BEING THE MOST LEGITIMATE
"ANALYSTS"

OF THE RISKS OF GMOS; (2) THE MEDIA IS USUALLY BIASED
IN THIS
ISSUE TOWARD THE GREENS (AN EXAMPLE: WHEN GM-RAPESEED
WAS
INADVERTENTLY
RELEASED IN SEVERAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES
RECENTLY, THE LEADING TELEVISION
NEWS PROGRAM WENT FOR
COMMENT NOT TO THE ROBERT KOCH INSTITUTE OR
THE MAX PLANCK
INSTITUTE, BUT RATHER TO THE ANTI-GMO "OEKO-INSTITUTE,"
CLOSELY
ASSOCIATED WITH THE GREENS PARTY.)
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Hoyt

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