

Leaked EU report suggests countries' right to ban GM animal feed upsetting trading partners in US, Canada

The Genetically Modified (GM) feed debate rumbles on in the EU with a leaked report suggesting that individual countries will be able to opt out of any EU agreement to accept GM feed. The reason suggested is that it is “in the interest of democratic choice”, as the current legal framework “does not allow the individual concerns of Member States to be taken into account in a controversial area of great public interest.”

The long-awaited Commission proposal to amend Regulation 1829/2003 – first floated when the new administration took office last Nov – is expected to be tabled next week.

Unsurprisingly this suggested position has met opposition from global trading partners. Ambassadors from the US, Canada, Argentina and Brazil, the large feed trading partners of the EU, have expressed “serious concerns” about Commission plans to reform approvals of (GM) imports. Their concern basically is that it would impact international trade of feed & food and spark trade disruptions.

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