

EU Parliament, bucking EU Commission, opposes authorization of five new GMOs

The European Parliament opposed the European Commission plans to authorise five GMO products, maize Bt11, 1507 and MON810 (seeds and products), and a glyphosate-resistant cotton, in a vote on [Oct. 6]. MEPs reiterated their call for a reform of the EU's GMO authorisation procedure.

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MEPs worry that maize Bt11 and maize 1507 could harm “non-target” species of butterflies and moths. They question the concept, introduced by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) of an “acceptable local mortality” of non-target lepidopteran species.

The EFSA assessment of maize MON 810 seeds lacks data, say MEPs, who point out that possible cross-contamination by an invasive plant carrying *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) toxin, used as a pesticide, poses “major risks for farmers and the environment.”

...MEPs point out that GMOs are now being authorised in the EU by the Commission, without the support of opinions of member state committees. This was supposed to be an exception to the usual decision-taking procedure, but has in fact become the norm.

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