

## Majority of EU countries vote against 2 new GM corn varieties but approval still possible

A majority of EU countries voted on Monday [March 27, 2017] against allowing two new genetically modified crops to be grown in Europe, batting the contentious decision on GM cultivation in Europe back to the EU executive, according to two sources.

EU governments were asked to vote on the future of two grades of GM maize, Pioneer's 1507 and Syngenta's Bt11, which kill insects by producing their own pesticide and are also resistant to a particular herbicide.

However, the votes against were not decisive in blocking their introduction because the opposition did not represent a "qualified majority" – also including countries that make up at least 65 percent of the EU population.

The governments were also asked to determine whether to extend authorization for Monsanto's MON810, an insect-resistant maize that is grown mainly in Spain, but banned in a number of other counties.

More countries voted against than in favor, but again the vote was not considered decisive.

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