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Report Name: European Commission Authorizes one GE Crop for Import

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Report Highlights:

On July 4, 2025, the European Commission (EC) approved one genetically engineered (GE) crop (soybean) for food and animal feed. The authorization was published in the European Union's Official Journal on July 7, 2025 and remains valid for 10 years

General Information:

On July 4, 2025, the European Commission (EC) approved one genetically engineered (GE) crop (soybean) for food and animal feed. The crop has gone through a comprehensive and stringent authorization procedure, including a favorable scientific assessment by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). The authorization decision applies to food and feed for import and processing, but does not cover cultivation and is valid for 10 years. All products will be subject to the EU's strict labelling and traceability rules.

The Commission Implementing Decision for the authorization was published in the Official Journal of the European Union, on July 7, 2025:

[Commission Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2025/1321 of 4 July 2025 authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified soybean MON 87705 × MON 87708 × MON 89788 pursuant to Regulation \(EC\) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council \(notified under document C\(2025\) 4349\)](#)

Authorization Process:

The crop has gone through the EU's full authorization procedure, including a favorable scientific assessment by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), as set in Directive 2001/18/EC. After a positive evaluation by EFSA, the EC puts forward a proposal for the authorization of the events that must be voted on at the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed (PAFF) for Genetically Modified Food and Feed and Environmental Risk by EU Member State (MS) representatives. A positive outcome in the PAFF Committee requires a qualified majority. Member States did not reach a qualified majority either in favor or against the crop at the Standing Committees or at the subsequent Appeal Committees therefore the Commission has the legal duty to proceed with the authorization.

This event was discussed during the PAFF Committee meeting on February 28, 2025. The Appeal Committee meeting took place on April 8, 2025.

Attachments:

No Attachments.