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Report Highlights:

On December 16, 2025, the European Commission approved four genetically engineered crops (2 maize, 1 soybean and 1 rapeseed) for food and animal feed. The four authorizations were published in the European Union's Official Journal on December 18, 2025, and remain valid for 10 years.

On December 16, 2025, the European Commission (EC) authorized one genetically engineered (GE) maize crop and renewed the authorization of three other crops (rapeseed, maize and soybean) for food and animal feed. These four crops have gone through a comprehensive and stringent authorization procedure, including a favorable scientific assessment by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). The authorization decisions apply to food and feed for import and processing, but do not cover cultivation, and are valid for 10 years. All products will be subject to the EU's strict labelling and traceability rules.

The Commission Implementing Decisions for the approvals were published in the [Official Journal of the European Union, 18 December 2025:](#)

- [Commission Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2025/2544 of 16 December 2025 authorizing the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified maize DAS1131 pursuant to Regulation \(EC\) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council \(notified under document C\(2025\) 7934\)](#)
- [Commission Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2025/2541 of 16 December 2025 on renewing the authorization for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified maize MON 87427 pursuant to Regulation \(EC\) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council \(notified under document C\(2025\) 8558\)](#)
- [Commission Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2025/2542 of 16 December 2025 on renewing the authorization for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified oilseed rape MON 88302 pursuant to Regulation \(EC\) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council \(notified under document C\(2025\) 7875\)](#)
- [Commission Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2025/2554 of 16 December 2025 renewing the authorization for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified soybean MON 87708 pursuant to Regulation \(EC\) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council \(notified under document C\(2025\) 8555\)](#)

Authorization Process

The four GE crops have gone through the EU's full authorization procedure, including a favorable scientific assessment by EFSA, as set in Directive 2001/18/EC. After a positive evaluation by EFSA, the EC puts forward a proposal for the approvals of the events that must be voted 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 GE crops at the Standing Committee and at the subsequent Appeal Committee thus the Commission has the legal duty to proceed with the authorizations.

Consideration and Outlook

These four events were discussed during PAFF Committee meetings on 15 September 2025. The Appeal Committee meetings took place on October 21, 2025. This is the fourth group of GE approvals for export to the EU that the Commission has approved in 2025.

Attachments:

No Attachments.