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HELLENIC REPUBLIC

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD

1. GENERAL DRECTORATE OF PLANT PRODUCTION

DIRECTORATE OF PLANT PRODUCTION INFLOWS

2. GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

DIRECTORATE OF LEGISLATIVE WORK AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: “Banning the trade of seeds of genetically modified maize hybrids for cultivation”

DECISION

THE MINISTER

OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD

Having in mind

1. The provisions:

- a. Of article 16 of the Law 1564/1985 “Organisation of the production and trade of the reproductive material of plant species” (A 164), as amended and complemented by article 2, para. 10 of Law 2040/1992 “Regulation of issues under the competence of the Ministry of Agriculture and legal entities under its supervision and other provisions” (A 70(and article 5 of Law 2325/1995 “Amending provisions of Law 1564/1985 and other provisions” (A 153).
- b. Of article 90 of the Legislation Code for the Government and governmental bodies, as this Legislation was codified and enacted by the Presidential Decree 53/2005 (Gov. Gazette A 98).
- c. Decision 341561/2645/25-2-2000 of the Minister of National Economy and the Deputy Minister of Agriculture “General Technical Regulation on the Acceptance of Varieties of Cultivated Agricultural Species” (B 443) and especially its article 17.

- d. Directive 2002/53/EC of the Council of 13 June 2002 “On the common list of varieties of cultivated plant species” (L 193/20-7-2002).
- e. Decision 38639/2017/21-9-2005 of the Ministers of Economy & Economics; Environment, Urban Planning & Public Works; and Agricultural Development & Food; and the Deputy Ministers of the Interior, Public Administration & Decentralisation; Economy & Economics; Development; and Health & Social Solidarity, “Determination of measures and terms for the deliberate release in the environment of genetically modified organisms in accordance to the provisions of Directive 2001/18”, and especially paragraph 2 of article 26. (*N.B.: Comment by Greenpeace: article 26 refers to the Greek law that implements the European Directive and not to the European Directive itself*). Decision Y132/11-10-2004 of the Prime Minister and the Minister of Agricultural Development & Food “Assignment of areas of responsibility to the Deputy Minister of Agricultural Development & Food, Alexandros Kontos” (B 1533).

2. The need for full and effective implementation of the principles of precaution and prevention and the fact that the competent Authorities must have at their disposal, in the case of sensitive and controversial dossiers containing complex data, sufficient margin for evaluation and adequate time in order to evaluate all data using scientific criteria.

3. The re-evaluated scientific data, provided to date by official bodies, especially by the Agricultural University of Athens, research institutions etc, as well as by the Greek and foreign scientific literature, which confirm the immediate risk that arises for the environment and perhaps for health from the circulation of seeds of maize hybrids bearing the genetic modification MON810 and in particular as regards the following immediate dangers:

- a. The emergence of undesirable resistance in the most harmful lepidoptera affecting the varieties / hybrids, cultivated in Greece, of conventional and organic maize as well as cotton.
- b. The disruption of biodiversity and micro-fauna of the country, with particular adverse impact on certain species of insects not targeted by this specific modification.
- c. The increased transfer of pollen on the varieties / hybrids, cultivated in Greece, of conventional and organic maize, due to the combination of particularly developed bee-keeping in the country in conjunction

with the high degree of subdivision and the scattered character of Greek agricultural plots.

4. That the introduction in the country of genetically modified organisms must be carried out without affecting damage to the legal rights in pre-existing agricultural activities and without obliging them to modify or adapt the usually implemented cultivation and feeding techniques.

5. The fact that from the provisions of the present Decision no expense is caused on the state budget.

WE DECIDE

Sole Article

It is forbidden, as of the publication of the present Decision, for a time period of eighteen (18) months, the trade in the Country of seeds for cultivation of the genetically modified maize hybrids bearing the genetic modification MON810 and mentioned in the following Table.

TABLE

Genetically modified maize hybrids from the 13th Addendum (OJ C232A/17-9-2004) of the 22nd Full Edition and the 6th Addendum (OJ C334 A/30-12-2005) of the 23rd Full Edition, of the Common List of plant species varieties.

No	MAIZE HYBRID	No	MAIZE HYBRID
1	Aliacan BT	18	Bacila
2	Aristis BT	19	DKC4442YG
3	Bolsa	20	DKC5784YG
4	Campero BT	21	DKC6041YG
5	Cuartal BT	22	Foggia
6	DK 513	23	Helen BT
7	DKC 6550	24	PR32R43
8	DKC 6575	25	PR32W04
9	Elgina	26	PR34N44
10	Gambier BT	27	PR36R11
11	Jarai BT	28	Riglos BT
12	Levina	29	SF1035T
13	Novelis	30	SF1036T
14	Olimpica	31	SF1112T
15	PR 32P76		
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