QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MEMBER STATES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REGULATION (EC) 1829/2003 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED FOOD AND FEED

Your contact details:

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Are you competing this questionnaire for:

GM food YES ? NO ?

GM feed YES ? NO ?

The questionnaire to Member States has the following objectives in view of the preparation of the report provided by Article 48(1) of Regulation (EC) N° 1829/2003 on GM food and feed:

- to describe the experiences Member States had in implementing the Regulation;
- to identify any difficulties that have come up in implementing the Regulation; and

- to make recommendations on how to strengthen the consistency and efficiency of the Regulation.

1. National legislation and practice
1. Regulations are directly applicable but was it necessary to some extent to adopt or adapt national legislation on Regulation (EC) N° 1829/2003? If so, please describe to what extent and please give the national legislative acts concerned.
2. In your country, do any additional labelling practices on GM food and GM feed exist other than EU Regulations (1829/2003, 1830/2003)? If so, please provide details.
3. Have there been any problems with interpretation of the Community legislation (Regulation (EC) 1829/2003, Regulation (EC) 641/2004)? If so, please give details.
4. Have any issues on Article 29 (public access) and 30 (confidentiality) arisen for you? If so, please provide the details.

2. Controls

5. Please name the competent authority for controls according to Regulation (EC) N° 1829/2003 for the following subject areas at each level:
i) for GM food/feed:

- central
- local
- regional

6. Does any coordination of controls on GM food, GM feed and GMO's in the scope of Directive 2001/18/EC take place? If so, please provide details about responsibilities and activities.

7. Do you have a specific control plan for GM food and feed? Please describe briefly at what stage (e.g. import, processing, placing on the market etc) controls on Regulation (EC) 1829/2003 take place and describe the nature of the controls (e.g. documentary and/or physical checks, sampling, analysis etc).

8. What have been the control priorities in 2004? What priorities are foreseen for 2005?

9. If possible, please give the control results on labelling (0.9 % threshold) for 2004.

Food/feed

Products inspected (number)	Samples taken and analysed (number)	Non-compliance (number)

10. In the recent year, have any other issues with the rules on labelling arisen for you? If so, please give details.

11. How have been the provisions on Article 47 of Regulation (EC) 1829/2003 and Regulation (EC) 641/2004 on the threshold of 0.5 % adventitious presence of GMO material been controlled? If possible, please give the control results for 2004.

Food/Feed

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12. Has unauthorised GM food and feed been imported or found on the market? If so, please give the number of occurrences, as well as the nature and origin of the GMOs and products concerned.

13. Have there been any problems in carrying out the controls with respect to aspects such as sampling, analytical methods or documentary control?

3. Other issues

14. In your opinion, how is the new authorisation procedure according to Regulation (EC) 1829/2003 functioning? Please provide details.

15. In view of forthcoming legislation, what is your opinion on the fermentation products (including food and feed ingredients such as additives, flavourings and vitamins) produced by fermentation using genetically modified micro-organism (GMM) which is kept under contained conditions and is not present in the final product:

- should a risk assessment be required? yes ? no ?
- should labelling be required? yes ? no ?

If yes, please provide details of the kind of risk assessment required and a labelling proposal.

Please provide details of products on the market.
16. Please provide statistics on GM plants cultivated (ha/year) and gm food and feed imported (tn/year) to your country.
17. Would you like to comment on any other aspect of the Regulation (EC) 1829/2003 or on other related legislation that would improve the EU legislative framework for genetically modified food and feed?