



Minister for Food, Agriculture and Fisheries
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Dear Ms. Mette Gjerskov,

RE: Concerns for possible obligatory use of the 90 day animal test for the authorisation of genetically modified food and feed

The Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health – Section on Genetically modified food and feed and environmental risk - are presently discussing the Commission's draft Regulation on implementing rules concerning applications for authorisation of genetically modified food and feed.

The Danish Animal Welfare Society is very concerned about the inclusion of a call for the obligatory use of a specific animal test. Please see the attached briefing which highlights our concerns.

We urge you to support rules which keep the current situation, where a request to perform the test must in each case be based on a scientific opinion by EFSA, on a case-by-case basis.

With Kind Regards

Britta Riis, Director
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Annex: 'Animal welfare position on the obligatory use of the 90 day animal test for the authorization of genetically modified food and feed'

cc: Members of the Food Committee of the Danish Parliament
(Folketingets Fødevareudvalg)