

Genetically modified organisms GMOs: traceability and labelling

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The Council took note of the progress made, pending the European Parliament's Opinion, on the proposal for a Regulation concerning traceability and labelling of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and traceability of food and feed products produced from GMOs. This dossier was the subject of a public debate during the Council meeting on 29 October 2001 and an interim report was submitted to the Council at its meeting on 12 December 2001. Work remains to be done on various issues including the scope of the Regulation, communication of information on the potential presence of GMOs in products, traceability of derived products and threshold values for the adventitious presence of GMOs. A political agreement is expected at the meeting on 17 October 2002 at the earliest.