

Genetically modified food and feed

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The Commission has accepted all nine amendments adopted by the Parliament as a compromise package tabled to facilitate the final adoption of the proposal. To sum up, the amendments deal with the following:

- they delete the provisions specifying that GMOs for release under Part B of Directive 2001/18/EC and GMOs and genetically modified micro-organisms for contained use activities are excluded from the definition of "placing on the market";
- the definition of traceability is modified. The Commission states that this amendment makes little practical difference, since there are no enacting clauses in the proposal;
- the term "unacceptable risk" is replaced by "adverse effects";
- certain amendments on co-existence allow Member States to take appropriate measures to avoid the unintended presence of GMOs in other products and invite the Commission to develop guidelines in order to provide Member States with a framework for putting this into practice;
- the contributions from applicants for authorisation of genetically modified food and feed must not exceed the costs incurred in carrying out the validation of detection methods.