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Kære Kommissær

Jeg har noteret mig at Kommissionen i august 2005 har vedtaget beslutninger om tilladelse til markedsføring af to genetisk modificerede organismer i henhold til udsætningsdirektivet (direktiv 2001/18/EF). Det drejer sig om henholdsvis genetisk modificeret majs MON 863 og genetisk modificeret raps GT 73. Begge genetisk modificerede organismer er med beslutningerne godkendt til import og anvendelse til industriel forarbejdning og foder.

Forslag til Rådets beslutning om genetisk modificeret raps GT 73 blev drøftet på rådsmøde (miljø) den 20. december 2004, hvor i alt 13 lande stemte imod godkendelsen, 6 stemte for og 6 lande undlod at stemme.

Forslaget til Rådets beslutning om genetisk modificeret majs MON 863 var på dagsordenen for rådsmødet (miljø) den 24. juni 2005, hvor i alt 14 lande stemte imod godkendelsen, 7 stemte for og 4 lande undlod at stemme. På rådsmødet i juni 2005 opfordrede jeg Kommissionen til at iagttage forpligtelserne under den tredje erklæring fra Rådets afgørelse om komitologi (1999/468/EF).

På baggrund af Kommissionens to beslutninger ønsker jeg at få oplyst, hvorledes Kommissionen – i hver af de to sager - har sørget for ”at finde en afbalanceret løsning for at undgå at gå imod den fremherskende holdning i Rådet, der sætter spørgsmålstejn ved det hensigtsmæssige i en gennemførelsesforanstaltning”.

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Courtesy translation

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Dear Commissioner,

I have noted that in August 2005 the Commission has adopted decisions on consent to the placing on the market of two genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in accordance with directive 2001/18/EC on the deliberate release of GMOs into the environment. The two GMOs include Zea mays L. line MON 863 and Brassica napus L. line GT73. Both decisions on consent cover importation and use including feed but not food use with the exception of cultivation.

The draft Council Decision regarding genetically modified Brassica napus L. line GT73 was discussed at the meeting of the Council (Environment) on 20 December 2004, where 13 member states voted against the Decision, 6 member states voted for the Decision and 6 member states abstained.

The draft Council Decision regarding genetically modified Zea mays L. line MON 863 was discussed at the meeting of the Council (Environment) on 24 June 2005, where 14 member states voted against the Decision, 7 member states voted for the Decision and 4 member states abstained. During the June 2005 Council meeting I urged the Commission to consider its obligations under the third statement from the Council Decision on Comitology (1999/468/EC).

In light of the Commission's two decisions I would greatly appreciate information on how the Commission – in each of the two decisions - in order to find a balanced solution, has acted “to avoid going against any

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predominant position which might emerge within the Council against the appropriateness of an implementing measure”.

Yours sincerely,

Signed: Connie Hedegaard