

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety  
The Chair

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**Subject: Request for authorisation to request the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) to deliver a scientific opinion on recent studies on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on plants obtained by certain new genomic techniques and their food and feed, and amending Regulation (EU) 2017/625**

Dear President,

Following the decision taken by ENVI coordinators on 15 January 2024, I hereby request authorisation to ask the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) to deliver a scientific opinion on the analysis by the French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES<sup>1</sup>) on Annex I of the of the Commission proposal for a regulation on plants obtained by certain new genomic techniques and their food and feed, and amending Regulation (EU) 2017/625<sup>2</sup>.

This request for a scientific opinion, on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, is submitted in accordance with Article 29 of Regulation 178/2002, which provides that the European Parliament may request the European Food Safety Authority to issue a scientific opinion on matters falling within the Authority's mission. Pursuant to Article 22 of the same Regulation, the Authority should provide such scientific advice in all fields which have a direct or indirect impact on food and feed safety, and communicate on the risks, contributing to the protection of human life and health, plant health and the environment, in the context of the operation of the internal market

The Commission published their proposal for a new Regulation on plants produced by certain new genomic techniques ('NGT Proposal') in July 2023 and on 24 January 2024, ENVI voted its report, which is currently scheduled to be voted in plenary in February I.

In light of the above, we would appreciate if this could be delivered by the end of July 2024.

I would be very grateful if you could endorse this request and forward it to EFSA.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.anses.fr/en/system/files/BIOT2023AUTO0189EN.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52023PC0411>

Yours sincerely,

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Pascal Canfin

Annex: Opinion of the French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety on the scientific analysis of Annex I of the European Commission's Proposal for a Regulation of 5 July 2023 on new genomic techniques (NGTs) – Review of the proposed equivalence criteria for defining category 1 NGT plants

CC: Bernd Lange, Chair of the Conference of Committee Chairs