

Labelling of GMOs in the EU

Legal basis:

- ***Provisions for labelling of GM food and feed are set out in:***

Regulations (EC) n°1829/2003 and 1830/2003.

These provisions apply to:

- Food and feed **containing** or **consisting of** GMOs.
- Food and feed **produced from** or containing ingredients produced from GMOs
 - E.g. oil, starch, derivatives or lecithin, where DNA or proteins from the GMO cannot be detected anymore.

A positive labelling

- *All food or feed products containing/produced from **authorised** GMOs must be labelled.*
- *The label aims to allow consumer to make an **informed purchasing choice**.*

Exemption:

- *Food and Feed products containing, consisting of or produced from GMOs **in a proportion no higher than 0,9%** of the food/feed ingredient considered individually or food/feed consisting of a single ingredient, provided that:*
 - This presence is adventitious or technically unavoidable.
 - Operators are in a position to supply evidence to competent authorities that they have taken appropriate steps to avoid the presence of such material.

Out of scope:

- *Food and Feed produced with GM processing aids such as enzymes.*
- *Animal food products (e.g. meat, egg, milk) from animals fed with GMOs.*

How to label food?

- *Where the food consists of more than one ingredient, the following must appear in the list of ingredients.*
 - **"GM" or "Produced from GM (name of the organism)" in parentheses next to the ingredient concerned; or**
 - **"Contains GM (name of the ingredient)" or**
 - **"Contains (name of ingredient) produced from GM (name of the organism)"**

How to label food? (con't)

- *Where there is no list of ingredients, the following words must appear clearly on the labelling of the food*
 - **"Genetically modified" or**
 - **"Produced from GM (name of organism)".**
- *For non pre-packaged food, the same wording must appear on, or in connection with, the display of the product.*

How to label feed?

- *Where the feed contains or consists of GMOs, the following words must appear clearly on the label*
 - **"GM (name of the organism)" in parentheses next to the specific name of the feed.**
- *Where the feed is produced from GMOs, the following words must appear clearly on the label*
 - **"Produced from GM (name of the organism)" in parentheses next to the specific name of the feed.**

Thank you!