

"How do we endeavour to ensure the public awareness and participation on biosafety issues in Hungary?"

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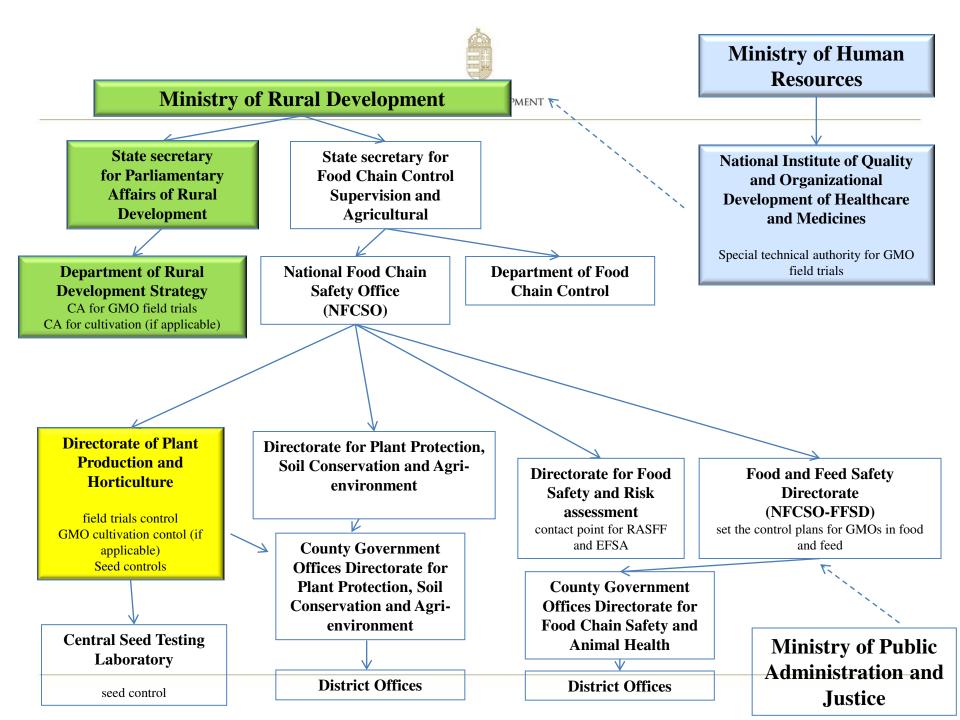
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applicant

Application + propagation material

statement

Gene Technology
Committee

independent biotechnology committee

nominees:

- HAS (Hungarian Academy of Sciences)
- competent ministries
- non-governmental organizations

CA (competent authority)

opinion

MRD, Department of Rural Development Strategy

summary of the application published on the SNIF's website

consent draft
public consultation
published on Official Journal of CA

Special/technical authority

National Institute of Quality and Organizational Development of Healthcare and Medicines





consent draft – public consultation

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A géntechnológiai hatóság közleménye engedély tervezeteinek társadalmi konzultáció érdekében történő közzétételéről

I.

A Bay Zoltán Alkalmazott Kutatási Közhasznú Nonprofit Kft. (cím: 6725 Szeged, Derkovits fasor 2.; a továbbiakban: Kérelmező) ügyében, az SF/195-7/2013. ügyiratszámú határozattal engedélyezett géntechnológiai módosítást végző létesítményben géntechnológiával módosított mikroorganizmusok I. biztonsági elszigetelési osztályba sorolt zárt rendszerben történő felhasználását – a Gyógyszerészeti és Egészségügyi Minőség- és Szervezetfejlesztési Intézet (a továbbiakban: egészségügyi szakhatósági OGYI/4699-4/2013. számú szakhatósági állásfoglalásának figyelembevételével – a vonatkozó jogszabályokban, a kérelemben, továbbá az annak mellékletét képező dokumentációban és az alábbi betartása mellett

engedélyezem.

 A géntechnológiával módosított mikroorganizmusokat a szennyvizekbe kerülés előtt inaktiválni szükséges.

Az egészségügyi szakhatóság a géntechnológiai tevékenység engedélyezéséhez előírások nélkül hozzájárult.

A Kérelmező az igazgatási szolgáltatási díj megfizetése alól mentesül.



Datasheet:

- national record no.
- date of issue
- common name
- scientific name
- cultivar
- modified trait
- gene construct
- status
- location of emmission
- company
- contact person
- modification category

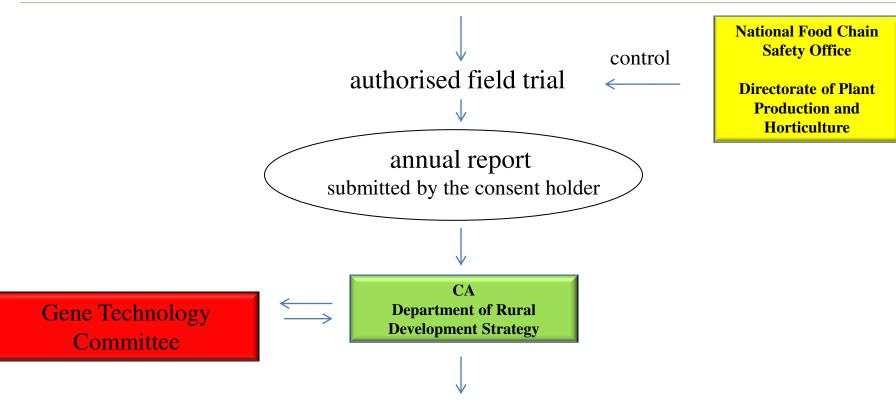
database - register
biosafety.abc.hu

final consent

special requirements:

- exact location and size of the release
- crop specific isolation distances
- size of the buffer zone
- guarding of the trial site
- safety requirements (fence, etc.)
- restriction of further use of the area
- special requirements for crop rotation
- pollen control
- post trial monitoring for volunteers
- removal and destruction of sexually compatible or related crops





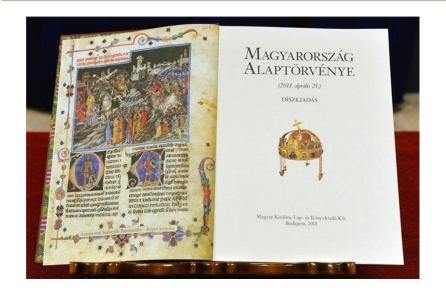
authorisation for further release

all elements of the regulatory system http://gmo.kormany.hu



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2006 Parliamentary Decision "Hungary's GMO-free status"

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Fundamental Law of Hungary

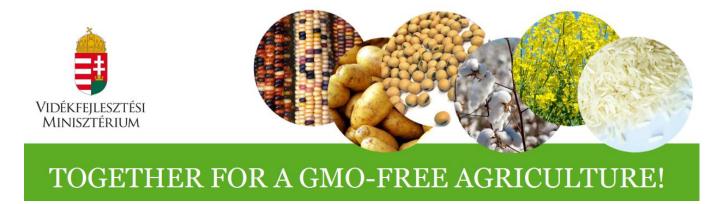
(1st January 2012)

Hungarian strategy on GMOs

"Article XX

- (1) Every person shall have the right to physical and mental health.
- (2) Hungary shall promote the exercise of the right set out in Paragraph (1) by ensuring that its agriculture remains free from any genetically modified organism, by providing access to healthy food and drinking water, by managing industrial safety and healthcare, by supporting sports and regular physical exercise, and by ensuring environmental protection."





GMO Roadshow 2012 (also planned in 2013), Hungary

- organised by the Ministry of Rural Development
- in eight major cities around the country
- in November December, 2012
- > goals:
 - raise public awareness of this highly important issue
 - feed-back from consumers and farmers





76th National Agriculture and Food Exhibition

- the largest and most visited agricultural and food exhibition in Hungary
- in 2011 more than 85,000 visitors
- importance of food safety
- > gives a comprehensive picture of the food chain structure also known as the long way from the soil to the spoon
- > among various programs two conferences GMO issue:
 - Round table discussion on the socio-economic considerations of the GMOs
 - Presentations about the health and environmental effects of the GMOs



Interactive map of the GMOs around the world

(under construction)

launch of the interactive map scheduled for 18 September 2013





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Danube Soya Initiative (Austria) – Danube Soy Declaration

Agreement: signed by Hungary during the International

Green Week agricultural trade fair

in Berlin, 19 January, 2013

other signatories: Bavaria, Slovenia,

Croatia, Serbia and Bosnia-Herzegovina



Goals:

- > a comprehensive new protein policy for agricultural food and feed production
- > a reduction of import dependency
- ➤ a targeted development of GM-free food products



GMO True Food Guide (**Shoppers guide for conscious consumers**)

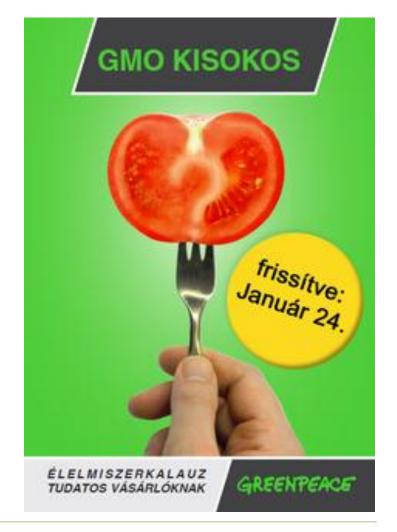
First published: 25th November, 2012 162 most important food producers and distributors were surveyed

2/3 guarantees GM-free products

Latest update: 2nd July, 2013 an additional 9 producers/distributors guarantee GM-free products

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Thank you for your attention!

Gene technology is still the subject of heated debate. The rapid development in gene technology resulted in little time remaining for the extensive study of potential risks and long-term effects. The possible dangers have still not been examined with adequate precision. Long-term assessment of environmental risks, adequate toxicological and allergic studies and feeding experiments are still needed. The environmental, ecological, sanitary, social and other risks are still not adequately known. Our present knowledge is not enough to realistically judge the possible risks. Once these organisms make their way into the environment, they cannot be removed. It is therefore very important to protect our unique natural treasures and the profitability of agriculture in Hungary, while keeping the principle of precaution clearly in view.

In 2006, the five parliamentary parties formulated Hungary's GMO-free strategy and the process of implementation aimed at its realisation in complete agreement. Since then, this strategy has not been changed, moreover the new Fundamental Law of Hungary, which has been in force since 1 January 2012, includes the pursuit of a GMO-free agriculture.

Hungary's GMO-free policy is based on scientific results that have proven the negative effects of GMOs. We must also keep in mind future generations, the safety of the environment and last but not least the fact that our gradually increasing competitive market advantage and our ensuing economic interests are also partly the result of our GMO-free status.



- Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety



→ GMO-free regions



 Hungarian Background on Views of 1st Generation Genetically Modified Plants