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Assessing the allergenicity of GM food

The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) has published a draft report making new recommendations for assessing the allergenic potential of the proteins contained in GM plants. All stakeholders and interested parties are being invited to provide comments up to January 31st, 2010.

GMOs could contain new or existing proteins that might cause food allergies in people and animals. EU legislation therefore requires that the allergenicity of GM foods must be assessed before they can be placed on the market.

The document – the output of independent scientists and clinicians – was prepared in order to review and update present methods of evaluation and provides conclusions for assessing the allergenic potential of GM plants and micro-organisms.

The report is important reading for any manufacturer that intends to apply to market a new food, irrespective of whether this is for a GM product.

For full information, go to this page on the EFSA website:

http://www.efsa.europa.eu/EFSA/efsa_locale-1178620753812_1211903078052.htm