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Genetically Modified Varieties in Cereals (Barley, Wheat)

Dear Sir or Madam,

The German Seed Act stipulates that seed of agricultural species and vegetables shall not be offered for sale unless the variety concerned is registered on the National List maintained by the Bundessortenamt (Federal Plant Variety Office) or unless, by way of registration on the National Variety List of another member state of the European Union, it is published in one of the Common Catalogues.

When filing an application for the acceptance of a variety, the applicant has to indicate whether the variety is genetically modified. In case of acceptance to the National List a genetically modified variety would be clearly indicated as such on the National List.

Up to now the Bundessortenamt has not received any application for the registration of a variety of the above-mentioned plant species as genetically modified. And no genetically modified variety of one of the species mentioned above has been registered on the German National List. As far as we know this also applies to the other EU member states.

Kind regards

Dr. Diekmann