

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2022/560**of 31 March 2022****renewing the authorisation for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified cotton GHB614 (BCS-GHØØ2-5) pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council***(notified under document C(2022) 1891)***(Only the German text is authentic)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2003 on genetically modified food and feed ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 11(3) and Article 23(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision 2011/354/EU ⁽²⁾ authorised the placing on the market of food and feed containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified cotton GHB614. The scope of this authorisation also covers the placing on the market of products other than food and feed containing or consisting of genetically modified cotton GHB614, for the same use as any other cotton, with the exception of cultivation.
- (2) On 22 April 2020, BASF SE, based in Germany, on behalf of BASF Agricultural Solutions Seed US LLC, based in the United States, submitted to the Commission an application, in accordance with Articles 11 and 23 of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003, for the renewal of that authorisation.
- (3) On 7 July 2021, the European Food Safety Authority ('the Authority') issued a favourable scientific opinion ⁽³⁾ in accordance with Articles 11 and 23 of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003. It concluded that the renewal application did not contain evidence for any new hazards, modified exposure or scientific uncertainties that would change the conclusions of the original risk assessment on genetically modified cotton GHB614, adopted by the Authority in 2009 ⁽⁴⁾.
- (4) In its scientific opinion, the Authority considered all the questions and concerns raised by the Member States in the context of the consultation of the national competent authorities as provided for in Article 6(4) and Article 18(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003.
- (5) The Authority also concluded that the monitoring plan for environmental effects, consisting of a general surveillance plan, submitted by the applicant, is in line with the intended uses of the products.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 268, 18.10.2003, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Commission Decision 2011/354/EU of 17 June 2011 authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified cotton GHB614 (BCS-GHØØ2-5) pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 160, 18.6.2011, p. 90).

⁽³⁾ EFSA GMO Panel (EFSA Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms), 2021. Scientific Opinion on the assessment of genetically modified cotton GHB614 for renewal authorisation under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 (application EFSA-GMO-RX-018). *EFSA Journal* 2021;19(7):6671, 12 pp.; <https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2021.6671>

⁽⁴⁾ EFSA GMO Panel, 2009. Scientific Opinion of the Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms on an application (Reference EFSA-GMO-NL-2008-51) for the placing on the market of glyphosate tolerant genetically modified cotton GHB614, for food and feed uses, import and processing under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 from Bayer CropScience. *EFSA Journal* 2009;7(3):985, 24 pp.; <https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2009.985>

- (6) Taking into account those conclusions, the authorisation for the placing on the market of food and feed containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified cotton GHB614 and of products containing it or consisting of it for uses other than food and feed, with the exception of cultivation, should be renewed.
- (7) A unique identifier has been assigned to genetically modified cotton GHB614, in accordance with Commission Regulation (EC) No 65/2004 ⁽⁵⁾, in the context of its initial authorisation by Decision 2011/354/EU. That unique identifier should continue to be used.
- (8) For the products covered by this Decision, no specific labelling requirements, other than those provided for in Article 13(1) and Article 25(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 and in Article 4(6) of Regulation (EC) No 1830/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽⁶⁾, appear to be necessary. However, in order to ensure that the use of products containing or consisting of genetically modified cotton GHB614 remains within the limits of the authorisation granted by this Decision, the labelling of such products, with the exception of food and food ingredients, should contain a clear indication that they are not intended for cultivation.
- (9) The authorisation holder should submit annual reports on the implementation and on the results of the activities set out in the monitoring plan for environmental effects. Those results should be presented in accordance with the requirements laid down in Commission Decision 2009/770/EC ⁽⁷⁾.
- (10) The opinion of the Authority does not justify the imposition of specific conditions or restrictions for the placing on the market for use and handling, including post-market monitoring requirements regarding the consumption of food and feed containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified cotton GHB614, or for the protection of particular ecosystems/environment or geographical areas, as provided for in Article 6(5)(e) and Article 18(5)(e) of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003.
- (11) All relevant information on the authorisation of the products covered by this Decision should be entered in the Community register of genetically modified food and feed referred to in Article 28(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003.
- (12) This Decision is to be notified through the Biosafety Clearing-House to the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity, pursuant to Article 9(1) and Article 15(2)(c) of Regulation (EC) No 1946/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽⁸⁾.
- (13) The Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed has not delivered an opinion within the time laid down by its Chair. This implementing act was deemed to be necessary and the chair submitted it to the appeal committee for further deliberation. The appeal committee did not deliver an opinion,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Genetically modified organism and unique identifier

Genetically modified cotton (*Gossypium hirsutum*) GHB614, as specified in point (b) of the Annex to this Decision, is assigned the unique identifier BCS-GHØØ2-5, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 65/2004.

⁽⁵⁾ Commission Regulation (EC) No 65/2004 of 14 January 2004 establishing a system for the development and assignment of unique identifiers for genetically modified organisms (OJ L 10, 16.1.2004, p. 5).

⁽⁶⁾ Regulation (EC) No 1830/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2003 concerning the traceability and labelling of genetically modified organisms and the traceability of food and feed products produced from genetically modified organisms and amending Directive 2001/18/EC (OJ L 268, 18.10.2003, p. 24).

⁽⁷⁾ Commission Decision 2009/770/EC of 13 October 2009 establishing standard reporting formats for presenting the monitoring results of the deliberate release into the environment of genetically modified organisms, as or in products, for the purpose of placing on the market, pursuant to Directive 2001/18/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 275, 21.10.2009, p. 9).

⁽⁸⁾ Regulation (EC) No 1946/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 July 2003 on transboundary movements of genetically modified organisms (OJ L 287, 5.11.2003, p. 1).

*Article 2***Renewal of the authorisation**

The authorisation for the placing on the market of the following products is renewed in accordance with the conditions set out in this Decision:

- (a) foods and food ingredients containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified cotton BCS-GHØØ2-5;
- (b) feed containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified cotton BCS-GHØØ2-5;
- (c) products containing or consisting of genetically modified cotton BCS-GHØØ2-5, for uses other than those provided for in points (a) and (b), with the exception of cultivation.

*Article 3***Labelling**

1. For the purposes of the labelling requirements laid down in Article 13(1) and Article 25(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 and in Article 4(6) of Regulation (EC) No 1830/2003, the 'name of the organism' shall be 'cotton'.
2. The words 'not for cultivation' shall appear on the label of and in the documents accompanying the products containing or consisting of genetically modified cotton as referred to in Article 1, with the exception of products referred to in point (a) of Article 2.

*Article 4***Method for detection**

The method set out in point (d) of the Annex shall apply for the detection of genetically modified cotton BCS-GHØØ2-5.

*Article 5***Monitoring plan for environmental effects**

1. The authorisation holder shall ensure that the monitoring plan for environmental effects, as set out in point (h) of the Annex, is put in place and implemented.
2. The authorisation holder shall submit to the Commission annual reports on the implementation and the results of the activities set out in the monitoring plan in accordance with the format set out in Decision 2009/770/EC.

*Article 6***Community register**

The information set out in the Annex shall be entered in the Community register of genetically modified food and feed, as referred to in Article 28(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003.

*Article 7***Authorisation holder**

The authorisation holder shall be BASF Agricultural Solutions Seed US LLC, United States, represented in the Union by BASF SE, Germany.

*Article 8***Validity**

This Decision shall apply for a period of 10 years from the date of its notification.

*Article 9***Addressee**

This Decision is addressed to BASF Agricultural Solutions Seed US LLC, 100 Park Avenue, Florham Park, New Jersey 07932, United States, represented in the Union by BASF SE, Carl-Bosch-Str. 38, D-67063 Ludwigshafen, Germany.

Done at Brussels, 31 March 2022.

For the Commission
Stella KYRIAKIDES
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

(a) Applicant and authorisation holder:

Name: BASF Agricultural Solutions Seeds US LLC

Address: 100 Park Avenue, Florham Park, New Jersey 07932, United States

Represented in the Union by: BASF SE, Carl-Bosch-Str. 38, D-67063, Ludwigshafen, Germany.

(b) Designation and specification of the products:

- (1) foods and food ingredients containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified cotton BCS-GHØØ2-5;
- (2) feed containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified cotton BCS-GHØØ2-5;
- (3) products containing or consisting of genetically modified cotton BCS-GHØØ2-5 for uses other than those provided for in points (1) and (2), with the exception of cultivation.

The genetically modified cotton BCS-GHØØ2-5 expresses the *2mEPSPS* gene, which confers tolerance to glyphosate-based herbicides.

(c) Labelling:

- (1) For the purposes of the labelling requirements laid down in Article 13(1) and Article 25(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003, and in Article 4(6) of Regulation (EC) No 1830/2003, the 'name of the organism' shall be 'cotton';
- (2) The words 'not for cultivation' shall appear on the label of and in documents accompanying the products containing or consisting of the genetically modified cotton BCS-GHØØ2-5, with the exception of the products referred to in point (b)(1).

(d) Method for detection:

- (1) Event-specific method for the quantification of genetically modified cotton BCS-GHØØ2-5 using real-time PCR;
- (2) Validated by the EU reference laboratory established under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003, published at <http://gmo-crl.jrc.ec.europa.eu/StatusOfDossiers.aspx>;
- (3) Reference Material: AOCS 1108 and 0306 are accessible via the American Oil Chemists Society at <https://aocs.org/tech/crm>.

(e) Unique identifier:

BCS-GHØØ2-5

(f) Information required pursuant to Annex II to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity:

[Biosafety Clearing-House, Record ID number: *published in the Community register of genetically modified food and feed when notified*].

(g) Conditions or restrictions on the placing on the market, use or handling of the products:

Not required.

(h) **Monitoring plan for environmental effects:**

Monitoring plan for environmental effects in accordance with Annex VII to Directive 2001/18/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽¹⁾.

[Link: *plan published in the Community register of genetically modified food and feed*]

(i) **Post-market monitoring requirements for the use of the food for human consumption:**

Not required.

Note: links to relevant documents may need to be modified over time. Those modifications will be made available to the public via the updating of the Community register of genetically modified food and feed.

⁽¹⁾ Directive 2001/18/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 March 2001 on the deliberate release into the environment of genetically modified organisms and repealing Council Directive 90/220/EEC (OJ L 106, 17.4.2001, p. 1).