

MON 87708

Dicamba tolerant soybean

Key facts



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What is MON 87708?

MON 87708 is a genetically modified (GM) soybean that produces a DMO protein via the incorporation of a *dmo* coding sequence derived from *Stenotrophomonas maltophilia*. The DMO protein is a mono-oxygenase enzyme that rapidly demethylates dicamba rendering it inactive, thereby conferring tolerance to dicamba-based herbicides.

Global regulatory status of MON 87708

Numerous regulatory agencies globally granted regulatory approvals for cultivation and/or import for food and/or feed uses of MON 87708².

Regulatory status of MON 87708 in the EU

MON 87708 is authorised³ for

- (1) foods and food ingredients containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified soybean MON-87708-9;
- (2) feed containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified soybean MON-87708-9;
- (3) products containing or consisting of genetically modified soybean MON-87708-9 for uses other than those provided for in points (1) and (2), with the exception of cultivation.

Traceability, labelling, unique identifier

Operators handling or using MON 87708 and derived foods and feeds in the EU are required to be aware of the legal obligations regarding traceability and labelling of these products, laid down in Regulations (EC) No 1829/2003 and 1830/2003. The unique identifier for this product is MON-87708-9.

MON 87708 samples of food and feed and control samples were provided to the Joint Research Centre (JRC), acting as the European Union Reference Laboratory (EURL)⁴. The validated method, as well as the validation report for MON 87708, prepared by the EURL in collaboration with the European Network of GMO Laboratories (ENGL) are published at the EURL website⁵.

Food, feed and environmental safety of MON 87708

Food and feed safety

In its 2025 opinion, the EFSA GMO panel concluded that “*there is no evidence in renewal dossier GMFF-2023-21237 for new hazards, modified exposure or scientific uncertainties that would change the conclusions of the original risk assessment on soybean MON 87708*”⁶.

² CLI - <http://www.biotechstatus.com/results.cfm?CFID=9245841&CFTOKEN=a821bc7f9386c44d-1CD2D6F2-AB53-D859-FC932F80DABA5FA8> (Accessed on 8 January 2026)

³ EU register of GM food and feed - <https://ec.europa.eu/food/food-feed-portal/screen/gmo/search> (Accessed on 8 January 2026)

⁴ Previously referred to as Community Reference Laboratory (CRL)

⁵ EURL - <http://gmo-crl.jrc.ec.europa.eu/StatusOfDossiers.aspx> (Accessed on 8 January 2026)

⁶ EFSA - <https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2025.9379> (Accessed on 8 January 2026)

Contact point for further information

Since traders may commingle MON 87708 with other commercial soybean, including authorised GM soybean, Bayer is working together with other members of the plant biotechnology industry within the CropLife Europe and trade associations representing the relevant operators in order to implement a harmonised monitoring methodology.

Operators in the food and feed supply chain and/or any other person wishing to report a potential adverse effect associated with the use of Bayer products, can refer to the CropLife Europe website at:

<https://croplifeeurope.eu/product-information/>

If required, additional comments or questions relative to MON 87708 can also be addressed to Bayer at:

<https://www.cropscience.bayer.com/en/support/contact-us>