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Decision Number: 1

Applicant: Turkish Feed Millers Association

Applied for Gene: A2704-12 soybean that contains herbicide tolerant gene

Usage Purpose: Application to use soybean and products that contain A2704-12 gene as animal feed

Legal Basis: Biosafety Law- Number: 5977

Regulation on GMOs and Products published on the Official Gazette (No: 27671) on August 13, 2010

Regulation on the Working Principles of the Biosafety Board and Committees (No: 27671) published on the Official Gazette on August 13, 2010

Decision: Biosafety Board reviewed the reports prepared by Scientific Risk Assessment Committee and Socio-Economic Assessment Committee under the Simplified Procedure. Board has decided that the soybean containing herbicide tolerant gene can be used as animal feed if below conditions are followed:

- A) Unique Identifier:** ACS-GMO05-3 code will be used as the unique identifier for the A2704-12 soybean that contains herbicide tolerant gene.
- B) Validity:** Biosafety Board may request scientific assessment from the committees if the need occurs as a result of the monitoring reports. If the assessment is endorsed by the Board then the approval will continue. If any risk is detected then the approval is cancelled. If any problems are detected during the period mentioned under Article-3 of the Biosafety Law then it is obligatory to meet the requirements of Article-11/ d of the same Law.
- C) Process that needs to be applied during Importation:** Customs and import procedures are handled for imported commodities that have an Analysis Report acquired from an accredited laboratory either in our country or from the exporting country and the report shows the genes contained by the imported commodity. Import, Export and Transit rules listed under Article-14 of the GMO Regulation must be followed.
- D) Purpose of Usage:** A2704-12 soybean and products that contain herbicide tolerant gene must be used only in animal feed, feed or feed ingredient.
- E) Risk Management and Data Required for Market Inspection:** Applicant company or institution must provide Risk Management Plans to the Biosafety Board within 30 days following the publishing of this announcement. The labeling and GMO inspections are handled by General Directorate of Protection & Control.

- F) Surveillance Conditions:** Surveillance conditions must be followed by the interested parties. Information about the storage of the imported soybean, quantity of soybeans in storage, quantity being transited, means of transportation and the address of the consignee, the facilities and the amount where it will be processed, market distribution, sales agencies in provinces and cities, type and quantity of packing, transportation and protection precautions and other surveillance means (if available) must be provided to the General Directorate of Protection and Control. If anything changes then this information must be shared with the Ministry immediately. The requirements mentioned under Article-21 of the GMO Regulation must be followed. Surveillance reports must be prepared every 6 months and must be provided to the Biosafety Board.
- G) Conditions for Documentation and Labeling:** The stakeholders that are involved in the import, processing and sale of the soybean and products that are subject to this approval; must hold a document that contains information that GMO soybean exists either by itself or as an ingredient in the end product. The document must have the unique identifier code as well. The feed must be labeled according the requirements mentioned under Article-18 of the GMO Regulation and the unique identifier code must be on all labels.
- H) Conditions for Packing, Shipping, Storage and Transportation:** Owner of the product and transporter must take precautions to prevent contamination during shipping, storage and transportation in cooperation with each other. Transportation must be done in special packages from paper (resistant to tearing and splitting) polielithen or linen or cotton sacks. The vehicles used in transportation must be covered or transportation must be done in closed vehicles. Precautionary measures must be taken in order to prevent contamination during loading and unloading of the commodity. Action plan must be ready in case of any contamination or accident and the Ministry must act together. The storage requirements mentioned under Article-17 of the GMO Regulation must be followed.
- I) Conditions of Processing, Waste and Refinement and Disposal of Waste:** The requirements for storage, waste and refinement and disposal of waste mentioned under Article-17 of the GMO Regulation must be followed.
- J) Security and Emergency Measures:** The plan that contains the Security and Emergency measures must be submitted to the Biosafety Board within 30 days following the publishing of this decision.
- K) How is annual reporting going to be handled:** General Directorate of Protection and Control must prepare annual reports for every 6 months (which should also include their comments and opinions) and must submit the reports to the Biosafety Board.
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Decision Number: 2

Applicant: Turkish Feed Millers Association

Applied for Gene: MON40-3-2 soybean that contains herbicide tolerant gene

Usage Purpose: Application to use soybean and products that contain MON40-3-2 gene as animal feed

Legal Basis: Biosafety Law- Number: 5977

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Decision: Biosafety Board reviewed the reports prepared by Scientific Risk Assessment Committee and Socio-Economic Assessment Committee under the Simplified Procedure. Board has decided that the soybean containing herbicide tolerant gene can be used as animal feed if below conditions are followed:

- A) Unique Identifier:** MON-04032-6 code will be used as the unique identifier for the MON40-3-2 soybean that contains herbicide tolerant gene.
- B) Validity:** Biosafety Board may request scientific assessment from the committees if the need occurs as a result of the monitoring reports. If the assessment is endorsed by the Board then the approval will continue. If any risk is detected then the approval is cancelled. If any problems are detected during the period mentioned under Article-3 of the Biosafety Law then it is obligatory to meet the requirements of Article-11/ d of the same Law.
- C) Process that needs to be applied during Importation:** Customs and import procedures are handled for imported commodities that have an Analysis Report acquired from an accredited laboratory either in our country or from the exporting country and the report shows the genes contained by the imported commodity. Import, Export and Transit rules listed under Article-14 of the GMO Regulation must be followed.
- D) Purpose of Usage:** MON40-3-2 soybean and products that contain herbicide tolerant gene must be used only in animal feed, feed or feed ingredient.
- E) Risk Management and Data Required for Market Inspection:** Applicant company or institution must provide Risk Management Plans to the Biosafety Board within 30 days following the publishing of this announcement. The labeling and GMO inspections are handled by General Directorate of Protection & Control.
- F) Surveillance Conditions:** Surveillance conditions must be followed by the interested parties. Information about the storage of the imported soybean, quantity of soybeans in storage, quantity being transited, means of transportation and the address of the consignee, the facilities and the amount where it will be processed, market distribution, sales agencies in provinces and cities, type and quantity of packing, transportation and protection precautions and other surveillance means (if available) must be provided to the General Directorate of Protection and Control. If anything changes then this information must be shared with the Ministry immediately. The requirements mentioned under Article-21 of the GMO Regulation must be followed. Surveillance reports must be prepared every 6 months and must be provided to the Biosafety Board.

- G) Conditions for Documentation and Labeling:** The stakeholders that are involved in the import, processing and sale of the soybean and products that are subject to this approval; must hold a document that contains information that GMO soybean exists either by itself or as an ingredient in the end product. The document must have the unique identifier code as well. The feed must be labeled according the requirements mentioned under Article-18 of the GMO Regulation and the unique identifier code must be on all labels.
- H) Conditions for Packing, Shipping, Storage and Transportation:** Owner of the product and transporter must take precautions to prevent contamination during shipping, storage and transportation in cooperation with each other. Transportation must be done in special packages from paper (resistant to tearing and splitting) polielithen or linen or cotton sacks. The vehicles used in transportation must be covered or transportation must be in closed vehicles. Precautionary measures must be taken in order to prevent contamination during loading and unloading of the commodity. Action plan must be ready in case of any contamination or accident and the Ministry must act together. The storage requirements mentioned under Article-17 of the GMO Regulation must be followed.
- I) Conditions of Processing, Waste and Refinement and Disposal of Waste:** The requirements for storage, waste and refinement and disposal of waste mentioned under Article-17 of the GMO Regulation must be followed.
- J) Security and Emergency Measures:** The plan that contains the Security and Emergency measures must be submitted to the Biosafety Board within 30 days following the publishing of this decision.
- K) How is annual reporting going to be handled:** General Directorate of Protection and Control must prepare annual reports for every 6 months (which should also include their comments and opinions) and must submit the reports to the Biosafety Board.

Decision Number: 3

Applicant: Turkish Feed Millers Association

Applied for Gene: MON89788 soybean that contains herbicide tolerant gene

Usage Purpose: Application to use soybean and products that contain MON89788 gene as animal feed

Legal Basis: Biosafety Law- Number: 5977

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Decision: Biosafety Board reviewed the reports prepared by Scientific Risk Assessment Committee and Socio-Economic Assessment Committee under the Simplified Procedure. Board has decided that the soybean containing herbicide tolerant gene can be used as animal feed if below conditions are followed:

- A) Unique Identifier:** MON89788-1 code will be used as the unique identifier for the MON89788 soybean that contains herbicide tolerant gene.
- B) Validity:** Biosafety Board may request scientific assessment from the committees if the need occurs as a result of the monitoring reports. If the assessment is endorsed by the Board then the approval will continue. If any risk is detected then the approval is cancelled. If any problems are detected during the period mentioned under Article-3 of the Biosafety Law then it is obligatory to meet the requirements of Article-11/ d of the same Law.
- C) Process that needs to be applied during Importation:** Customs and import procedures are handled for imported commodities that have an Analysis Report acquired from an accredited laboratory either in our country or from the exporting country and the report shows the genes contained by the imported commodity. Import, Export and Transit rules listed under Article-14 of the GMO Regulation must be followed.
- D) Purpose of Usage:** MON40-3-2 soybean and products that contain herbicide tolerant gene must be used only in animal feed, feed or feed ingredient.
- E) Risk Management and Data Required for Market Inspection:** Applicant company or institution must provide Risk Management Plans to the Biosafety Board within 30 days following the publishing of this announcement. The labeling and GMO inspections are handled by General Directorate of Protection & Control.
- F) Surveillance Conditions:** Surveillance conditions must be followed by the interested parties. Information about the storage of the imported soybean, quantity of soybeans in storage, quantity being transited, means of transportation and the address of the consignee, the facilities and the amount where it will be processed, market distribution, sales agencies in provinces and cities, type and quantity of packing, transportation and protection precautions and other surveillance means (if available) must be provided to the General Directorate of Protection and Control. If anything changes then this information must be shared with the Ministry immediately. The requirements mentioned under Article-21 of the GMO Regulation must be followed. Surveillance reports must be prepared every 6 months and must be provided to the Biosafety Board.
- G) Conditions for Documentation and Labeling:** The stakeholders that are involved in the import, processing and sale of the soybean and products that are subject to this approval; must hold a document that contains information that GMO soybean exists either by itself or as an ingredient in the end product. The document must have the unique identifier code as well. The feed must be labeled according the requirements mentioned under Article-18 of the GMO Regulation and the unique identifier code must be on all labels.
- H) Conditions for Packing, Shipping, Storage and Transportation:** Owner of the product and transporter must take precautions to prevent contamination during shipping, storage and transportation in cooperation with each other. Transportation must be done in special packages from paper (resistant to tearing and splitting) polyethylen or linen or cotton sacks. The vehicles used in transportation must be covered or transportation must be done in closed vehicles. Precautionary measures must be taken in order to prevent contamination during

loading and unloading of the commodity. Action plan must be ready in case of any contamination or accident and the Ministry must act together. The storage requirements mentioned under Article-17 of the GMO Regulation must be followed.

- I) Conditions of Processing, Waste and Refinement and Disposal of Waste:** The requirements for storage, waste and refinement and disposal of waste mentioned under Article-17 of the GMO Regulation must be followed.
- J) Security and Emergency Measures:** The plan that contains the Security and Emergency measures must be submitted to the Biosafety Board within 30 days following the publishing of this decision.
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