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to the Commission**
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Subject: Pioneer 1507

Authorisations for the introduction of GM crops in Europe have been blocked for several years, but strong pressure is being applied by big multinationals in the sector, such as BASF, Syngenta, Pioneer, Monsanto and Bayer.

The new regime recently approved by the European Parliament puts heavy restrictions on the arguments that Member States can use to ban GM crops in their territory. In effect, Member States cannot go against the opinions of the EFSA. Also, the principles of the single market mean that Member States that want to ban GM crops in their territory are at risk of seeing their intentions contested by the European courts and the World Trade Organization.

According to information that has recently come to light, Pioneer is seeking authorisation for a genetically modified maize known as 'Pioneer 1507'. This variety of maize is particularly resistant to glufosinate ammonium, which is an especially toxic herbicide.

What is the current situation as regards the authorisation request for Pioneer 1507, and what studies have been conducted to assess the risks to the environment and public health?