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Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
The Chairman

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Mrs Erminia MAZZONI
Chair of the
Committee on Petitions
ASP 08F136

Dear Chair,

Subject: Petition 0436/2010 by Mr. Brian John (British), on formal protest against the Commission draft regulation on implementing rules concerning the applications for authorisation of genetically modified food and feed in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Regulations No (EC) 641/2004 and (EC) No 1981/2006

With letter of 5 October 2010, you transferred the above mentioned petition to the Committee on the Environment, Public health and Food safety (ENVI), which I am chairing, for comments.

In that petition, the petitioner protests against the lack of transparency which, in his opinion, would surround the presentation by the Commission of the draft regulation on implementing rules concerning the applications for authorisation of genetically modified food and feed in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Regulations No (EC) 641/2004 and (EC) No 1981/2006. He believes that the Commission has exceeded its implementing powers and calls on the European Parliament to take position and to insist upon the need for an extended period of consultation before any decision is taken on the draft.

Let me point out that the European Parliament gets to see all draft implementing measures presented by the European Commission under three different procedures, i.e. the Regulatory Procedure with Scrutiny (RPS) under which Parliament has a veto right (the deadline usually is three months), the Right of Scrutiny (ROS) where it can object if the Commission has exceeded its implementing powers (the deadline usually is one month) and the right of information under which it is informed about draft versions of measures that come later under RPS or ROS, as well as about agenda's or

summaries of meetings. These procedures give the European Parliament the opportunity to examine and, if appropriate, object to draft measures.

In the specific case mentioned, referred to the Committee on the Environment, Public health and Food safety since it was responsible for the basic legislative act, the European Parliament has the possibility to object the measure under the Right of Scrutiny should the European Commission have exceeded its implementing power. ENVI has already been informed about the draft measure but no deadline has been set yet.

I hope that this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,



Jo LEINEN