

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2304/04
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to the Commission

Subject: European Commission decision on Directive 2001/18/EC on the deliberate release into the environment of genetically modified organisms

The comitology procedure currently under way relating to Directive 2001/18/EC¹ of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 March 2001 on the deliberate release into the environment of genetically modified organisms is being followed with concern by many of the parties affected and those representing their interests. The European Parliament Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Policy already highlighted in its opinion 2003/2098(INI) of 6 November 2003 the risks of possible setting of labelling limit values for genetically contaminated seed above the technical detection limit of 0.1.

1. To what extent does the Commission intend to take account in its decision of the demands and reservations of the European Parliament as set out in the abovementioned opinion?
2. What steps does the Commission intend to take in order to strengthen constructive dialogue with associations affected and other representatives of interested parties on this issue?

¹ OJ L 106, 17.4.2001, p. 1