

Dear Members,

As you may already have read, today the EU Commission approved BASF's GM starch potato Amflora for planting and for the use of its residue products for animal feed.

As this decision is the first authorisation of a GM product for planting since more than 12 years, it is likely to get a lot of media attention (and criticism from our green friends...).

We have updated the ESA website (separate mail to all Members) welcoming the decision and also developed a respective Press Release which is available on the website and attached herewith.

You may use this as you see fit and also send it to your national press contacts or add it to your own Press Releases to demonstrate the positive commitment of the seed sector to science based decisions and to the internal market for seed.

Best regards, yours

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