

Dear members,

attached you will find a to WTO notification from the Ukraine regarding a new sampling and testing obligation for seed imports of agricultural plant species as regards presence of GMOs.

As you can see from the information attached, the deadline for comments has meanwhile been extended to 16.01.2010.

It is unclear what exact species are covered, what the individual or general sampling and testing methodology is and what consequences there might be.

But it is obvious that such a measure might have a strong potential impact on seed companies working with / in the Ukraine.

We advise our association members to contact their national ministries with a request to respond to the notification with a negative opinion and requesting detailed information on the envisaged implementation of the legislation.

The secretariat has approach the European Commission with a similar request and we hope to still get further information before the deadline.

Kind regards,

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