

Stimati colegi, va transmit informatia primita de la Asociatia Europeana a Semintelor privind modificarea legislatiei importurilor de seminte in UNGARIA cu referire la testarea impurificarii semintelor cu organisme modificate genetic.

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## **GM Testing Obligations for Seed Imports to Hungary TO BE POSTPONED TO 1.1.2012**

To:

ESA Association Members

ESA Individual Members

Dear all,

As you have been informed earlier and many of you will have read about in other sources an amendment to the Hungarian seed law was passed in March 2011 which required private operators importing seed into Hungary to supply laboratory certificates that confirm that the seed does not have any adventitious presence of GMOs.

This amendment entered into force 15 after its publication and has caused massive uncertainty in the seed sector.

Numerous activities have taken place on company, national association and EU level to change or revoke the decree.

We have now been informed that the Hungarian administration has accepted that the immediate application of the new requirement is problematic and decided to work on a new decree that would POSTPONE the entry into force of the measure to 01.01.2012. This new decree is currently under preparation. This means that – once the decree postponing the entry into force is in force - the requirement of laboratory certificates of no GMO presence will only have to be complied with as from January 2012.

Apparently, the new legislation had not been notified to the European Commission.

The ESA Secretariat is convinced that the new law is in breach of the principles of the EU Common

Market for seed and, as a measure affecting the free movement of goods in the internal market, would have to be notified to and accepted by the European Commission.

In the weeks and months to come, we will continue to align our activities with our Hungarian association member.

Our aim is to have the law changed and the GM testing obligation abolished.

We will keep all members informed on any new developments of this issue.

Kind regards,

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