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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2003 on genetically modified food and feed<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 7(3) and Article 19(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) On 30 May 2023, Bayer Agriculture B.V., based in Belgium, on behalf of Bayer CropScience LP, based in the United States, and KWS SAAT SE & Co. KGaA, based in Germany, ('the applicants') submitted an application to the national competent authority of the Netherlands for the placing on the market of food, food ingredients and feed produced from genetically modified sugar beet KWS20-1, in accordance with Articles 5 and 17 of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 ('the application').
- (2) On 12 May 2025, the European Food Safety Authority ('the Authority') issued a favourable scientific opinion<sup>2</sup> on genetically modified sugar beet KWS20-1 in accordance with Articles 6 and 18 of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003. The Authority concluded that genetically modified sugar beet KWS20-1, as described in the application, is as safe as its conventional counterpart and the tested non-genetically modified sugar beet reference varieties with respect to the potential effects on human and animal health and the environment. The Authority also concluded that the consumption of food and feed produced from genetically modified sugar beet KWS20-1 does not represent any nutritional concern.
- (3) In its scientific opinion, the Authority considered all the questions and concerns raised by the Member States in the context of the consultation of the national competent authorities as provided for in Article 6(4) and Article 18(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003.

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2003 on genetically modified food and feed (OJ L 268, 18.10.2003, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2003/1829/oj>).

<sup>2</sup> EFSA GMO Panel (EFSA Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms), 2025. Scientific Opinion on the assessment of genetically modified sugar beet KWS20-1 (application GMFF-2023-14732). EFSA Journal 2025; 23(5):9381. <https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2025.9381>.

- (4) Taking into account those conclusions, the placing on the market of food, food ingredients and feed produced from genetically modified sugar beet KWS20-1 should be authorised for the uses listed in the application.
- (5) A unique identifier should be assigned to genetically modified sugar beet KWS20-1 in accordance with Commission Regulation (EC) No 65/2004<sup>3</sup>.
- (6) For the products covered by this Decision, no specific labelling requirements, other than those provided for in Article 13(1) and Article 25(2), points (a) and (b), of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003, appear to be necessary.
- (7) The opinion of the Authority does not justify the imposition of other specific conditions or restrictions for the placing on the market, for the use and handling of food, food ingredients and feed produced from genetically modified sugar beet KWS20-1, as provided for in Article 6(5), point (e), and Article 18(5), point (e), of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003.
- (8) All relevant information on the authorisation of the products covered by this Decision should be entered in the Community register of genetically modified food and feed referred to in Article 28(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003.
- (9) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

#### *Article 1*

##### **Genetically modified organism and unique identifier**

Genetically modified sugar beet (*Beta vulgaris* L.) KWS20-1, as specified in point (b) of the Annex to this Decision, is assigned the unique identifier KB-KWS2Ø1-6, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 65/2004.

#### *Article 2*

##### **Authorisation**

The following products are authorised in accordance with the conditions set out in this Decision:

- (a) foods and food ingredients produced from genetically modified sugar beet KB-KWS2Ø1-6;
- (b) feed produced from genetically modified sugar beet KB-KWS2Ø1-6.

#### *Article 3*

##### **Labelling**

For the purposes of the labelling requirements laid down in Article 13(1) and Article 25(2), points (a) and (b), of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003, the name of the organism shall be 'sugar beet'.

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<sup>3</sup> Commission Regulation (EC) No 65/2004 of 14 January 2004 establishing a system for the development and assignment of unique identifiers for genetically modified organisms (OJ L 10, 16.1.2004, p. 5, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2004/65/oj>).

*Article 4*

**Method for detection**

The method set out in point (d) of the Annex shall apply for the detection of genetically modified sugar beet KB-KWS2Ø1-6.

*Article 5*

**Community register**

The information set out in the Annex shall be entered in the Community register of genetically modified food and feed, as referred to in Article 28(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003.

*Article 6*

**Authorisation holders**

The authorisation holders shall be:

- (a) Bayer CropScience LP, represented in the Union by Bayer Agriculture B.V., Belgium;
- (b) KWS SAAT SE & Co. KGaA, Germany.

*Article 7*

**Validity**

This Decision shall apply for a period of 10 years from the date of its notification.

*Article 8*

**Addressee**

This Decision is addressed to:

- (a) Bayer CropScience LP, 800 N. Lindbergh Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri, 63167, United States, represented in the Union by Bayer Agriculture B.V., Scheldelaan 460, 2040 Antwerp, Belgium;

and

- (b) KWS SAAT SE & Co. KGaA, Grimsehlstrasse 31, Einbeck, 37574, Germany.

Done at Brussels,

*For the Commission,  
Olivér VÁRHELYI  
Member of the Commission*