

Genetically modified organisms (GMOs): possibility for the Member States to restrict or prohibit the cultivation of GMOs in their territory

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The Council was informed by the Presidency about the state of play on the proposal for a regulation amending directive 2001/18/EC as regards the possibility for the Member States to restrict or prohibit the cultivation of GMOs in their territory.

The proposal was presented to the Council in July 2010, both at its "Agriculture" and "Environment" configurations, and has been subject to an in-depth technical examination by the competent Council bodies since then. Although progress has been made in this file, it has not yet been possible to reach an agreement on a compromise text.

The Polish Presidency prepared a compromise proposal that takes into account discussions held and delegations' written comments after the last meeting of the Working Party, thus providing the incoming Danish Presidency with the technical basis to pursue this work.