Foodstuffs produced from GMOs : compulsory indication on the labelling

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In adopting the report by Mr Kenneth D. COLLINS (PSE, UK) Parliament approved the proposal for a regulation subject to 11 amendments which sought to: - allow tests to be carried out to establish the presence of protein. If genetically modified proteins are detected this should be indicated; - eliminate the ambiguities in labelling. If protein or DNA resulting from genetic modification are detected this should be indicated; - stipulate that in the event of chance contamination a minimum threshold of genetically modified ingredients must be present before it is compulsory to indicate them; - call for similar provisions to be applied for all novel foods. Finally Parliament hoped that the Commission would invite the Scientific Committee for Food to examine before 31 December 1998 the practicality of setting a de minimis threshold for modified protein or DNA below which a product would be considered to be unmodified and if necessary to forward appropriate proposals.