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WRITTEN QUESTION E-2175/97
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Subject: Novel food regulation No 258/97 — Monitoring of products free of 'genetic engineering'

1. Will the research laboratories also be available to manufacturers not supplying products produced by genetic engineering processes and who wish to have this checked?
2. Will such research be free of charge, in order not to place the manufacturers in question at a disadvantage?
3. On the other hand, will the tests cover not only those foods which manufacturers declare not to have been produced by genetic engineering?

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WRITTEN QUESTION E-2177/97
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In order to distinguish a genetically engineered product from a product which is not genetically engineered, will only the proof of the protein created by the new gene be used?

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WRITTEN QUESTION E-2179/97
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1. Is the intention also to use indirect detection methods in order to be able to determine the changes characteristic of genetically modified varieties (e.g. modified fatty acid samples in oil from genetically modified soya beans)?
2. Will such significant changes be recorded and collected as alternative detection possibilities for monitoring bodies?

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WRITTEN QUESTION E-2181/97
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Subject: Novel food regulation No 258/97 — Demonstration of genetic modification

1. How will the criterion of demonstrable genetic modification be applied to seeds if the new protein(s) is/are only formed, and can be demonstrated to exist, in plants?
2. What assessment methods are to be used in future to distinguish between different batches of seeds?

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WRITTEN QUESTION E-2183/97
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Subject: Novel food regulation No 258/97 — Application of sensitivity limit values

Are the sensitivity limits used to demonstrate genetic modification to be continuously updated in line with the state of the art?