

Implementation of Directive (EC) 2015/412 “opt-out” in Austria

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Two Phases – Two Acts

Phase 1:

- Phase 1 will be implemented by an amendment of the Austrian Gene Technology Act
- This is done by the Federal Ministry of Health
- This amendment has passed the public consultation and the council of ministers and will be presented to the parliament next month
- It is expected that the amendment will be in force at begin of July
- Then the letters to the commission will be sent

Phase 2:

- Phase 2 will be implemented by a new framework act prepared by the Federal Ministry of Agriculture
- Based on this act the federal states have to enact laws concerning the prohibition or restriction of cultivation of GMO based on the grounds given in directive (EC) 2015/412 in their provinces.
- A Bund-Länder Commission for the coordination of genetic engineering precaution as well as an advisory board concerning genetic engineering precaution will be established by this act.

Phase 2:

- The Bund-Länder commission has to discuss fundamental principles of GM-free cultivation.
- The advisory committee has to coordinate the prohibition or restriction of cultivation of GMO according to Art. 26b 3 and 4 of the directive (EC) 2001/18 as well as the coordination of coexistence measurements.
- This amendment is currently under public consultation

Köszönjük a figyelmet!

Thanks a lot for your attention!

Vielen Dank für Ihre Aufmerksamkeit!

