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Title of Draft Mandate: Request for a scientific opinion on genetically modified plants developed through new genomic techniques (NGTs)

DG SANTE Unit: E3 - Biotechnology

EFSA Unit: GMO Unit

Quality Criteria	Points for Discussion	Agreement between SANTE/EFSA - Comments
Background	1. Explains the background including the scientific basis of the task	Background and scientific basis of the request have been elaborated and agreed in the dedicated section.
	2. Explains the need for the work in relation to the broader community interest (e.g. market harmonization, new scientific data provided by third parties, new RA given by third parties, other)	The Council of the EU, in Council Decision (EU) 2019/1904, requested the European Commission to submit a study regarding the status of new genomic techniques (NGTs) under Union law. The Commission needs to include in the study an analysis of the status of NGTs that includes safety considerations. EFSA's advice is needed to provide an overview in this respect, taking into account EFSA previous scientific opinions, EFSA ongoing work on the matter as well as opinions published by competent authorities and national institutions since 2012 , where available.
	3. Specifies the legal basis for the task with reference to the relevant legislation and articles therein	The legal basis and the relevant legislation are provided in the mandate. The request is submitted in accordance with Article 29 of

		Regulation (EC) No 178/2002.
Timing	1. A timeline for delivery is indicated from the receipt of the mandate <i>(if applicable the timing should indicate priorities. In case of fixed deadline for any specific reason this should be stated)</i>	A timeline for delivery is proposed for 31 October 2020.
Terms of Reference-Objectives	1. The nature of the requirements is clearly stated with specific objectives (clear description of tasks and expected deliverables).	Requirements, tasks and expected deliverables are clearly defined in the ToR.

Discussed by SANTE, E3 Biotechnology Unit and EFSA GMO Unit

agreed on 19/12/2019