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REGULAR DSB MEETING – 21 NOVEMBER 2018

<u>AGENDA POINT 1</u>: SURVEILLANCE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED BY THE DSB

C. EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES – MEASURES AFFECTING THE APPROVAL AND MARKETING OF BIOTECH PRODUCTS: STATUS REPORT BY THE EUROPEAN UNION (WT/DS291/37/ADD.126)

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•	The European Court of Justice (ECJ) has provided important clarification on the scope of application of the GMO legislation in relation to organisms obtained by mutagenesis techniques.
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- The ECJ has ruled that organisms obtained by means of new techniques/method of mutagenesis, which have appeared or have been mostly developed since the adoption of Directive 2001/18, fall within the scope of the Directive.
- The European Commission is now working to ensure proper implementation of the ruling together with the EU Member States.
- Operators in and outside the EU remain responsible for ensuring that products which are placed on the market are safe and comply with all relevant regulatory requirements.