Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1360 of 28 September 2020 authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified soybean MON 87708 × MON 89788 × A5547-127, pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council (notified under document C(2020) 6435) (Only the Dutch text is authentic) (Text with EEA relevance)

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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2003 on genetically modified food and feed[(1)], and in particular to Articles 7(3) and 19(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) On 28 October 2016, Monsanto Europe N.V. on behalf of Monsanto Company, United States, submitted to the national competent authority of The Netherlands an application, in accordance with Articles 5 and 17 of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 (‘the application’). The application covered the placing on the market of foods, food ingredients and feed containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified soybean MON 87708 × MON 89788 × A5547-127. The application also covered the placing on the market of products containing or consisting of genetically modified soybean MON 87708 × MON 89788 × A5547-127 for uses other than food and feed, with the exception of cultivation.

(2) In accordance with Articles 5(5) and 17(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003, the application included information and conclusions about the risk assessment carried out in accordance with the principles set out in Annex II to Directive 2001/18/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council[(2)]. It also included the information required pursuant to Annexes III and IV to that Directive and a monitoring plan for environmental effects in accordance with Annex VII to that Directive.

(3) By letter dated 27 August 2018, Monsanto Europe N.V. informed the Commission that Monsanto Europe N.V. converted its legal form and changed its name to Bayer Agriculture BVBA, Belgium.

(4) On 5 July 2019, the European Food Safety Authority ('the Authority') issued a favourable opinion in accordance with Articles 6 and 18 of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003[(3)]. It concluded that genetically modified soybean MON 87708 × MON 89788 × A5547-127, as described in the application, is as safe as and nutritionally equivalent to its conventional counterpart and the tested non-genetically modified soybean reference varieties with respect to the potential effects on human and animal health and the environment.

(5) In its opinion, the Authority considered all the questions and concerns raised by the Member States in the context of the consultation of the national competent authorities as provided for in Articles 6(4) and 18(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003.

(6) The Authority also concluded that the monitoring plan for the environmental effects consisting of a general surveillance plan, submitted by the applicant, is in line with the intended uses of the products.

(7) Taking into account those conclusions, the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified soybean MON 87708 × MON 89788 × A5547-127 should be authorised for the uses listed in the application.

(8) A unique identifier should be assigned to genetically modified soybean MON 87708 × MON 89788 × A5547-127 in accordance with Commission Regulation (EC) No 65/2004[(4)].

(9) On the basis of the opinion of the Authority, no specific labelling requirements, other than those provided for in Articles 13(1) and 25(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 and in Article 4(6) of Regulation (EC) No 1830/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council[(5)], appear to be necessary for the products covered by this Decision. However, in order to ensure that the use of those products remains within the limits of the authorisation granted by this Decision, the labelling of the products containing or consisting of genetically modified soybean MON 87708 × MON 89788 × A5547-127, with the exception of food products, should contain a clear indication that they are not intended for cultivation.

(10) The authorisation holder should submit annual reports on the implementation and on the results of the activities set out in the monitoring plan for environment effects. Those results should be presented in accordance with the requirements laid down in Commission Decision 2009/770/EC[(6)].

(11) The opinion of the Authority does not justify the imposition of specific conditions or restrictions for the placing on the market, for the use and handling, including post-market monitoring requirements regarding the consumption of food and feed containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified soybean MON 87708 × MON 89788 × A5547-127, or for the protection of particular ecosystems/environment

or geographical areas, as provided for in Articles 6(5)(e) and 18(5)(e) of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003.

(12) All relevant information on the authorisation of the products should be entered in the Community register of genetically modified food and feed referred to in Article 28(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003.

(13) This Decision is to be notified through the Biosafety Clearing-House to the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity, pursuant to Articles 9(1) and 15(2)(c) of Regulation (EC) No 1946/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council[7].

(14) The Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed has not delivered an opinion within the time limit laid down by its Chairman. This implementing act was deemed to be necessary and the chair submitted it to the appeal committee for further deliberation. The appeal committee did not deliver an opinion,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Genetically modified organism and unique identifier

Genetically modified soybean (*Glycine max* (L.) Merr.) MON 87708 × MON 89788 × A5547-127, as specified in point (b) of the Annex to this Decision, is assigned the unique identifier MON-877Ø8-9 × MON-89788-1 × ACS-GMØØ6-4, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 65/2004.

Article 2

Authorisation

The following products are authorised for the purposes of Articles 4(2) and 16(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 in accordance with the conditions set out in this Decision:

(a) foods and food ingredients containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified soybean MON-877Ø8-9 × MON-89788-1 × ACS-GMØØ6-4;

(b) feed containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified soybean MON-877Ø8-9 × MON-89788-1 × ACS-GMØØ6-4;

(c) products containing or consisting of genetically modified soybean MON-877Ø8-9 × MON-89788-1 × ACS-GMØØ6-4 for uses other than those provided for in points (a) and (b), with the exception of cultivation.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1360. (See end of Document for details)

Article 3

Labelling

1 For the purposes of the labelling requirements laid down in Articles 13(1) and 25(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 and in Article 4(6) of Regulation (EC) No 1830/2003, the 'name of the organism' shall be 'soybean'.

2 The words 'not for cultivation' shall appear on the label of and in the documents accompanying products containing or consisting of genetically modified soybean MON-877Ø8-9 × MON-89788-1 × ACS-GMØØ6-4, with the exception of products referred to in point (a) of Article 2.

Article 4

Method for detection

The method set out in point (d) of the Annex shall apply for the detection of genetically modified soybean MON-877Ø8-9 × MON-89788-1 × ACS-GMØØ6-4.

Article 5

Monitoring for environmental effects

1 The authorisation holder shall ensure that the monitoring plan for environmental effects, as set out in point (h) of the Annex, is put in place and implemented.

2 The authorisation holder shall submit to the Commission annual reports on the implementation and the results of the activities set out in the monitoring plan in accordance with the format set out in Decision 2009/770/EC.

Article 6

Community register

The information set out in the Annex to this Decision shall be entered in the Community register of genetically modified food and feed, as referred to in Article 28(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003.

Article 7

Authorisation holder

The authorisation holder shall be Monsanto Company, United States, represented by Bayer Agriculture BVBA, Belgium.