

Special Requirements for Labelling of Food Produced from Genetically Modified Soya Beans or from Genetically Modified Maize and for Presentation of Information in Any Other Manner¹

Government of the Republic Regulation No. 176 of 30 May 2000

(RT² I 2000, 43, 275),

entered into force 9 June 2000.

The Regulation is established pursuant to subsection 38 (5) of the Food Act (RT I 1999, 30, 415; 58, 608).

§ 1. General provisions

(1) The Regulation applies to food and food ingredients which are produced, in part or in whole, from genetically modified soya beans or from genetically modified maize (hereinafter food produced from genetically modified soya beans or from genetically modified maize).

(2) The Regulation does not apply to:

- 1) food additives, artificial flavourings and extraction solvents;
- 2) food produced from genetically modified soya beans or from genetically modified maize in which neither protein nor DNA resulting from genetic modification is present;
- 3) food produced from soya beans or maize the corresponding ingredient of which (in the case of food consisting of a single ingredient, food in whole) contains an ingredient produced from genetically modified soya beans or from genetically modified maize to the extent of up to 1 per cent and which is present in the food accidentally. In such case, the handler shall be able to prove that he or she took measures to avoid genetically modified organisms or food produced therefrom.

§ 2. Special requirements for labelling of food produced from genetically modified soya beans or from genetically modified maize

(1) In the case of food produced from genetically modified soya beans or from genetically modified maize which is delivered to consumers or mass caterers, the requirements of the Government of the Republic Regulation No. 390 of 21 December 1999 "Approval of Requirements for Labelling of Food and Procedure for Labelling and Presentation of Information in Any Other Manner and Procedure for Informing of Origin of Raw Material" (RT I 1999, 98, 866) and the requirements for labelling set out in subsections (2)-(5) of this section shall be observed.

(2) Food which consists of more than one ingredient, and one or several of the ingredients of which are produced from genetically modified soya beans or from genetically modified maize shall be labelled as follows:

1) the words “produced from genetically modified soya” [“*valmistatud geneetiliselt muundatud sojast*”] or “produced from genetically modified maize” [“*valmistatud geneetiliselt muundatud maisist*”] shall appear in the list of ingredients in parentheses immediately after the name of the ingredient concerned, or

2) the words “produced from genetically modified soya” [“*valmistatud geneetiliselt muundatud sojast*”] or “produced from genetically modified maize” [“*valmistatud geneetiliselt muundatud maisist*”] shall appear in a prominently displayed footnote to the list of ingredients, related by means of an asterisk (*) to the ingredient concerned, or

3) the words “produced from genetically modified soya” [“*valmistatud geneetiliselt muundatud sojast*”] or “produced from genetically modified maize” [“*valmistatud geneetiliselt muundatud maisist*”] may be abbreviated to “genetically modified” [“*geneetiliselt muundatud*”] in the list of ingredients in parentheses immediately after the name of the ingredient concerned if the list of ingredients sets out that the ingredient is produced from soya beans or maize, or

4) the words “genetically modified” [“*geneetiliselt muundatud*”] may appear in a prominently displayed footnote to the list of ingredients, related by means of an asterisk (*) to the ingredient concerned if the list of ingredients sets out that the ingredient is produced from soya beans or maize.

(3) If presentation of a list of ingredients is not compulsory, the words “produced from genetically modified soya” [“*valmistatud geneetiliselt muundatud sojast*”] or “produced from genetically modified maize” [“*valmistatud geneetiliselt muundatud maisist*”] shall appear clearly on the labelling.

(4) If a food ingredient is designated by the name of a category, that designation shall be completed by the words “contains ... produced from genetically modified soya” [“*sisaldab geneetiliselt muundatud sojast valmistatud ...*”] or “contains ... produced from genetically modified maize” [“*sisaldab geneetiliselt muundatud maisist valmistatud ...*”] and the name of the ingredient concerned shall be specified.

(5) If an ingredient of a compound ingredient is derived from genetically modified soya beans or from genetically modified maize, the labelling shall set out the words “contains ... produced from genetically modified soya” [“*sisaldab geneetiliselt muundatud sojast valmistatud ...*”] or “contains ... produced from genetically modified maize” [“*sisaldab geneetiliselt muundatud maisist valmistatud ...*”] and the name of the ingredient concerned shall be specified.

§ 3. Special requirements for presentation of information in any other manner

(1) In the case of food that is not prepackaged in sales packaging, information on genetic modification shall be presented on documents that accompany the food or on transport packaging and at the place of sale.

(2) In the case of food produced from genetically modified soya beans or from genetically modified maize and delivered to a handler for further processing, the information required in the Regulation shall be presented on documents that accompany the food.

§ 4. Implementation of Regulation

(1) Until 1 January 2001, the labelling of food produced from genetically modified soya beans or from genetically modified maize may continue in non-compliance of the requirements of this Regulation, but it must be in accordance with other legislation in force regulating the labelling of food.

(2) Food produced from genetically modified soya beans or from genetically modified maize and not labelled in compliance with the special requirements of the Regulation before 1 January 2001 may be sold until the stocks run out.

¹ The requirements of the Council Regulation 98/1139/EC (OJ L 159, 03.06.1988, p. 4) and Commission Regulation 49/2000/EC (OJ L 6, 11.01.2000, p. 13) have been taken into account.

² RT = *Riigi Teataja* = *State Gazette*