



European Economic and Social Committee

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Contained use of GMOs
(Recast)

Brussels, 13 February 2008

OPINION

of the

European Economic and Social Committee

on the

**Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the contained use of
genetically modified micro-organisms (Recast)**

COM(2007) 736 final – 2007/0259 (COD)

On 10 January 2008 the Council decided to consult the European Economic and Social Committee, under Article 175 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, on the

Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the contained use of genetically modified micro-organisms (Recast)
COM(2007) 736 final – 2007/0259 (COD).

Since the Committee unreservedly endorses the contents of the proposal and has already set out its views on the subject in its earlier opinions CESE 1235/1988, adopted on 24 November 1988¹, and CESE 887/1996, adopted on 10 July 1996², it decided, at its 442nd plenary session, held on 13 and 14 February 2008 (meeting of 13 February), by 133 votes to 2 with 3 abstentions to issue an opinion endorsing the proposal and to refer to the position it had taken in the above-mentioned documents.

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The President
of the
European Economic and Social Committee

The Secretary-General
of the
European Economic and Social Committee

Dimitris Dimitriadis

Patrick Venturini

¹ Opinion of the Economic and Social Committee on the proposal for a Council Directive on the contained use of genetically modified micro-organisms – COM(1988) 160 final (OJ C 23 of 30.1.1989, p. 45).

² Opinion of the Economic and Social Committee on the proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 90/219/EEC on the contained use of genetically modified micro-organisms – COM(1995) 640 final (OJ C 295 of 7.10.1996, p. 52).