

The GMO panel of The Norwegian Scientific Committee for Food Safety (FG3) is of the opinion that key nutrients and the various components listed in the OECD consensus document should be analysed and that their levels should be determined accordingly. If the applicant does not provide the information according to the specifications provided by the OECD, this should be further justified and explained. In relation to the EFSA/GMO/NL/2007/46 notification the Norwegian GMO panel asks for the reason why data on vitamin C and folic acid are still lacking. For most consumers benefiting from a balanced diet this is probably of minor importance, for vulnerable individuals however (e.g. babies or individuals in developing countries), with a diet consisting predominantly of maize, this may be more relevant. Moreover, Bayer is asked to comment on the levels of vitamin A, i.e. the conversion from β -carotene.