

**Monsanto's cotton MON 15985(EFSA-GMO-UK-2008-57)**

**COMMENTS OR OBJECTIONS TO THE PLACING ON THE MARKET OF A GMO UNDER REGULATION 1829/2003**

**A. GENERAL INFORMATION**

Use of ARM genes:

The EFSA 2004 opinion on the use of antibiotic resistance marker genes categorizes the *aadA* gene as not to be used in commercial plant products. The applicant should, based on full considerations of the risk assessment criteria outlined in the 2004 EFSA opinion, provide sufficient data to justify why the presence of the bacterial *aadA* gene in the plant is of no concern to animal and human health.