



ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON RELEASES TO THE ENVIRONMENT

Advice on managing data from the post-market monitoring of GM crops

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Under Directive 2001/18/EU, applications for the deliberate release of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) for marketing are required to include a plan for post-market monitoring (PMM). In April 2001, ACRE established a subgroup to consider how the PMM of GM crops should be addressed and to give guidance to applicants on the design of PMM plans. This guidance was issued in March 2004¹. As part of its wider considerations on PMM, ACRE has discussed how data generated could be used to the greatest benefit in the long, as well as the short term. The Committee advise that this resource should be collated, managed and analysed by an independent body. To facilitate the generation of such a database the Committee strongly supports the principle that general surveillance programmes for specific GM releases should aim to deliver information that is compatible with the wider UK monitoring programmes.

¹ http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/acre/postmarket/acre_postmarketmonitor-guidance.pdf.