

Directive 2001/18/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council  
of 12 March 2001 on the deliberate release into the environment of  
genetically modified organisms and repealing Council Directive 90/220/EEC

PART C

**PLACING ON THE MARKET OF GMOs AS OR IN PRODUCTS**

*Article 21*

**Labelling**

1 Member States shall take all necessary measures to ensure that at all stages of the placing on the market, the labelling and packaging of GMOs placed on the market as or in products comply with the relevant requirements specified in the written consent referred to in Articles 15(3), 17(5) and (8), 18(2) and 19(3).

[<sup>F12</sup> For products where adventitious or technically unavoidable traces of authorised GMOs cannot be excluded, the Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 29a in order to supplement this Directive by establishing minimum thresholds below which these products shall not have to be labelled in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Article. Threshold levels shall be established according to the product concerned.]

[<sup>F23</sup> For products intended for direct processing, paragraph 1 shall not apply to traces of authorised GMOs in proportions no higher than 0,9 % or lower thresholds, provided that these traces are adventitious or technically unavoidable.

[<sup>F1</sup>The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 29a in order to supplement this Directive by establishing the thresholds referred to in the first subparagraph of this paragraph.]]

**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Substituted by [Regulation \(EU\) 2019/1243](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 adapting a number of legal acts providing for the use of the regulatory procedure with scrutiny to Articles 290 and 291 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (Text with EEA relevance).
- F2** Substituted by [Directive 2008/27/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2008 amending Directive 2001/18/EC on the deliberate release into the environment of genetically modified organisms, as regards the implementing powers conferred on the Commission.