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The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is the competent authority for the deliberate release of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) in Ireland in accordance with EU Directive 2001/18/EC (on the deliberate release into the environment of genetically modified organisms). This Directive concerns both the placing on the market of GMOs and the deliberate release of GMOs into the environment for non-commercial purposes i.e. for the performance of field trials for research and development purposes. Member States are obliged to ensure that all appropriate measures are taken to avoid adverse effects on human health and the environment which might arise from the deliberate release of GMOs into the environment.

During 2017, several varieties of unauthorised GM petunia were found on the ornamental plants market in Ireland. While GM petunia poses negligible risk to human or animal health or the environment, unauthorised GM varieties had to be withdrawn from the market and destroyed as they were not authorised for sale or distribution within the EU.

In advance of the forthcoming marketing season the Agency wishes to raise awareness and reduce the risk of unauthorised GM ornamental plants entering the Irish market. The Agency requests that you advise importers of ornamental plants / seeds to be vigilant and ensure that plant varieties being imported are not genetically modified and to seek confirmation from the supplier of the plant's non-GM status in writing.

I attach a full list of petunia varieties identified as genetically modified throughout Europe during the 2017 growing season.

The Agency will follow up and advise you of any further developments in this area, as appropriate.

Sincerely



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Inspector  
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**Petunia varieties identified as genetically modified throughout Europe during the 2017 growing season**

- African Sunset
- Amore Mio
- Big Deal Freaky Fuchsia
- Big Deal Salmon Shimmer
- Bingo Cherry Pop
- Bingo Coral Blast
- Bingo Mandarin
- Bingo Orange
- Bingo Orange Morn
- Bonnie Orange
- Bingo Red Improved
- Blast Rose
- Bonnie Red '14
- Bonnie Orange
- Bonnie Orange '15
- Flamingo
- Capella Red
- Cascadias Red Lips
- Charms Flame 2-140
- Colorworks Homare
- Crazytunia Cherry Cheesecake
- Crazytunia Citrus Twist
- Crazytunia Kabloom
- Crazytunia Maniac Pink
- Crazytunia Sparky Improved
- Crazytunia Star Jubilee
- Crazytunia Swiss Dancer
- Crazytunia terracotta
- Citrus Twist
- Draysalmon
- Famous Electric Orange
- GN2012-01 Type Homare
- GO!Tunia Orange
- GS Hellorange
- Happy Classic Orange Morn O-65
- Happy Classic Yellow Orange Stripes O-82
- Hells Bells Orange
- Hells Fruit Punch
- Hells Glow
- Lipstick
- Maui Sands
- Mini Blast Rose/Supertunia Rose Blast Charm

- My love Orange
- Orange Star
- Orange Yellow Center 749 (07336)
- Orange Yellow Zone 225
- Pegasus Orange, (*Variety Bingo Mandarin*)
- Pegasus Orange Morn (*Variety Salmon Ray*)
- Pegasus Orange Star
- Pegasus Table Orange (*Variety Bingo Orange*)
- Pegasus Table Red Star
- Peppy Cerise, Art.-Nr. 40693
- Peppy Red, Art.-Nr. 40395
- Peppy Sunset
- Perfectunia Mandarin
- Perfectunia Orange
- Perfectunia Orange Morn
- Perfectunia Red Improves
- Pet Star Yellow Orange
- Petunia Easy Wave Burgundy Star
- Petunia Pegasus Pink Star (
- Petunia Salmon
- Petunia Surfinia Peppy Cobalt Blue
- Potunia Papay
- Potunia Plus Neon-Violet, Art.-Nr. 41371
- Potunia Plus Papaya, Art. Nr. 40257
- Potunia Plus Red, Art. 40302
- Potunia Red, Art. –Nr. 40673 DE
- Raspberry Blast/ Supertunia Raspberry Blast
- Salmon Ray
- Ray Salmon
- Sanguna Salmon
- Sel Bonnie Orange
- Sentunia (2.0) Gshell Orange Nr. 11-45
- Sentunia 2.0 Rose Coral 315
- Stars Yellow Orange
- Supertunia Flamingo
- Surprise Red 2017, Art.-Nr. 40794
- Sweetunia Hot Pink, Art.-Nr. 40572
- Top-Tunia Salmon Orange
- Trilogy Deep Purple
- Trilogy Mango
- Trilogy Red
- Trixi mix La Bomba
- Trixi mix Coco Bello

- Viva Fire
- Viva Orange
- Viva orange Vein