

Opposition against European pig-breeding patent EP 1651777



Declaration to file an opposition against pig-breeding patent

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Applicant: Monsanto (US)

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Patent holder: Newsham Choice Genetics (US)

I hereby file an opposition against patent EP 1651777. I request the complete revocation of the patent. Should this request not be granted, a public hearing will be held.

Technical grounds:

The patent was granted on an essentially biological process (Art 53 b, EPC)

The patented pig-breeding process is not a novel invention and does not involve an inventive step (Art 52 and Art 56, EPC).

The technical features are not sufficiently described. It is not clear exactly which genetic condition is to be used to achieve the desired results. (Art 83, EPC).

Ehtical grounds and *ordre public*:

The patent is not meant to protect a true invention, but aims at misappropriating basic resources in food production. The patent is likely to result in far-reaching dependencies for farmers, breeders, food producers and consumers. Patents on plants and farm animals can cause prices for seeds, food and food production methods to soar and can endanger world food security (Art 53 a, EPC).

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