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Subject: Reception of a new mandate to complement the EFSA overall opinions referring to applications EFSA-GMO-CZ-2008-62 and EFSA-GMO-NL-2009-65

Dear Ms Testori Coggi,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Dear Paola,'.

On 7 February 2011, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) received from the European Commission the mandate “*Request for complementing the EFSA scientific opinions related to MON89034x1507xMON88017x59122 maize and MON89034x1507xNK603 maize with the missing scope*” and “*to complement the EFSA overall opinions to cover all sub-combinations of their single events independently of their origin, in addition to the higher stack*”. In accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003, EFSA hereby acknowledges receipt of this mandate.

This new mandate was presented to the EFSA GMO Panel members at the March 2011 GMO Panel Plenary meeting. EFSA will address your mandate with a core group of experts, to discuss principle and approach, as well as in each permanent working group on applications (MC, FF, ENV working groups). However, considering the complexity of the issue covered by the mandate, EFSA is currently not in the position to provide you with an estimated deadline. As soon possible and no later than 15 July, EFSA will inform you on the progress made and, if possible, an estimated deadline to answer this mandate.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be 'Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle'.

Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle