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**Subject: Withdrawal of Application EFSA-GMO-NL-2016-129 for authorisation of MON 87751 × MON 87701 × MON 89788 soybean in the EU according to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003**

Dear Ms. Waigmann,

Monsanto Europe S.A. on behalf of Monsanto Company hereby informs the European Food Safety Authority of the withdrawal of Application EFSA-GMO-NL-2016-129 for authorisation of MON 87751 × MON 87701 × MON 89788 soybean in the European Union. This withdrawal has also been communicated directly to the European Commission. Application EFSA-GMO-NL-2016-129 was submitted on 17 December 2015 through the Dutch Competent Authority, the National Institute of Public Health and the Environment (RIVM), in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003.

The withdrawal is the result of a commercial decision taken by Monsanto to discontinue our investments for a product which will not be commercialized any longer, regardless of its proven safety by global regulatory agencies.

In light of the withdrawal of the abovementioned application, and per Article 30(7) of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003, we maintain the confidentiality of the information claimed confidential information (CI) in this application, and we maintain all intellectual property rights, particularly copyrights, and data protection rights, on all Monsanto proprietary data and information submitted.

Yours sincerely,

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