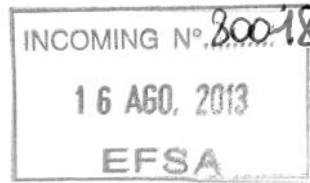


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Brussels, 02 August 2013

Subject: Withdrawal of Application EFSA-GMO-NL-2005-26 (NK603 × MON810)

Dear Ms. Waigmann,

Monsanto Europe S.A. on behalf of Monsanto Company hereby informs European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) of the withdrawal of application EFSA-GMO-NL-2005-26 for the authorization of NK603 × MON 810 maize production and cultivation in the European Union, submitted on 28 October 2005 through the Dutch Competent Authority, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003.

The withdrawal is the result of a commercial decision to discontinue our EU investments in the development of agricultural biotechnology products.

NK603 × MON 810 is approved for food, feed, import and processing as any other maize in the EU by Commission Decision 2007/701/EC of 24 October 2007. This notification of withdrawal does not impact that Decision.

In light of our withdrawal decision, we respectfully request EFSA to return to Monsanto, any copies (paper or electronic) of the application and response documents in its possession or in the possession of the European Commission or the Member States and to suspend public access to this application. Per Article 30.7 of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 we maintain the confidentiality of the information claimed 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, unless specific data access rights were/are granted to a third party in the form of a Letter of Access (LOA).

Yours sincerely,

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