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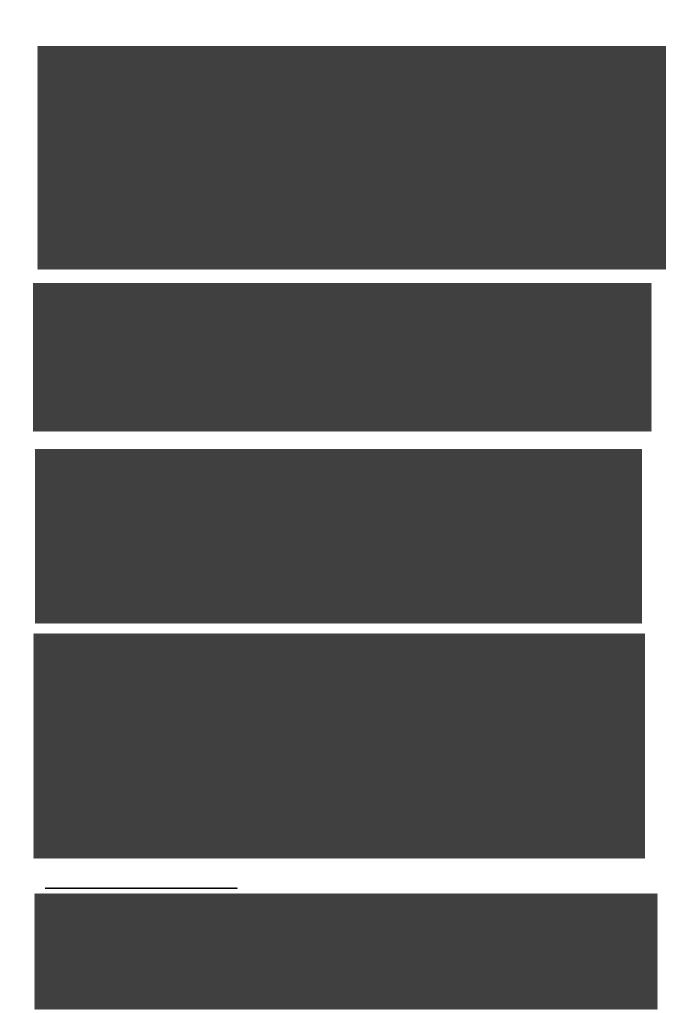


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As regards the role of new genomic techniques in the context of Farm to Fork Strategy, the strategy clearly mentions that "new innovative techniques, including biotechnology and the development of bio-based products, may play a role in increasing sustainability, provided they are safe for consumers and the environment while bringing benefits for society as a whole". As you know, the Commission will deliver a study next year on the status of new genomic techniques under Union law, as requested by the Council. The study will also address both potential benefits and concerns arising from the use of these new techniques, based on contributions from the stakeholder consultation, to which you also participated.

Yours sincerely,

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