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Dear all

At the September PAFF and October 2001/18 meetings, the Commission helpfully provided us with information on the European Network of GMO Laboratories' draft report on the Detection of food and feed obtained by new plant mutagenesis techniques. One of the draft conclusions suggested that a database might be useful (this may not be included in the final report). The Commission suggested that, at a future meeting, competent authorities discuss the potential for a database to address issues raised in the draft report. We asked our experts in our GM inspectorate to consider this. I've attached a short technical note of their conclusions.

Wishing you a Happy New Year; regards,

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Subject: Follow up PAFF 03/12/2018 - new mutagenesis techniques

Dear Member States Competent Authorities for Regulation (EC) 1829/2003 and for Directive 2001/18,

Following our discussion during the PAFF meeting on 03/12/2018, we would like to thank you for the valuable information already provided after September PAFF meeting and October 2001/18 meeting.

We kindly invite you to continue providing us information on practices and issues linked to new mutagenesis techniques in order to promote further discussion in upcoming meetings.

For sake of clarity and completeness, please find below a summary of the information that would help us all for the future discussions:

- Provide to the JRC and reference laboratories **any questions and information concerning analytical issues**
- Provide timely **input to EURL GMFF/ENGL** in view of finalising the draft report.
- Provide information on **difficulties** Member States are confronted with (including impact on resources) **for both inspections and analytical testing** and to **share practices on inspections**
- Communicate ongoing and future application for **field trials** with new techniques

- Communicate Member States' experience with **contained uses**. N.B. The Commission will also contact directly Competent authorities of Directive 2009/41 on this question.
- Liaise with national competent authorities on **seeds** to consider possibilities and challenges in ensuring that all **registered varieties** fulfil the relevant requirements
- Provide clear examples of **products challenging the implementation** of the legislation.
- Communicate any information on **products readily available** in third countries
- Provide information on available **patented products**
- Provide information on **other techniques, economic and trade impacts, ongoing research and research needs** at national level
- Provide **formal position** of government (if any)

We would appreciate receiving this information by **20 January 2019**. If this is not possible, we would be grateful if you could provide us with a timing estimate for your answer.

The next PAFF meeting will take place on 14 January. Please note that, while no specific agenda point for new mutagenesis techniques is planned, any relevant issue can be raised under AOB.

Finally, we would like to wish you, your families and colleagues a merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful new year.

Kind regards,



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