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Dear [redacted]
Unfortunately I can not give you too much information about the situation in Austria due to the following reasons.

1.) As you maybe know we do not have deliberate release of GM Plants in Austria, so there is not much research going on GM plants. The research which is using new mutagenesis techniques (mainly CRISPR/Cas) is mainly fundamental research in wheat. In the Contained Use the new mutagenesis techniques are used in a similar way for experimental design of vaccines (so it is mostly ATMPs).
2.) As in the Austrian Gene Technology Act only the non-directed mutagenesis is exempted, all applications using new mutagenesis techniques are always classified as GMO. Therefore also our plant breeders did not use CRISPR/Cas for their breeding because this would result in GMO in Austria. As you also maybe know, there is a big suspiciousness against GMO used for food and feed in the general public in Austria. So seed which would be classified as GM is nearly impossible to sell in Austria.

That's all I can tell you for the situation in Austria concerning the new mutagenesis techniques. It is not to much, but can maybe help a little bit for the discussion on 18.10.

See you and all the best from Vienna and a happy weekend.
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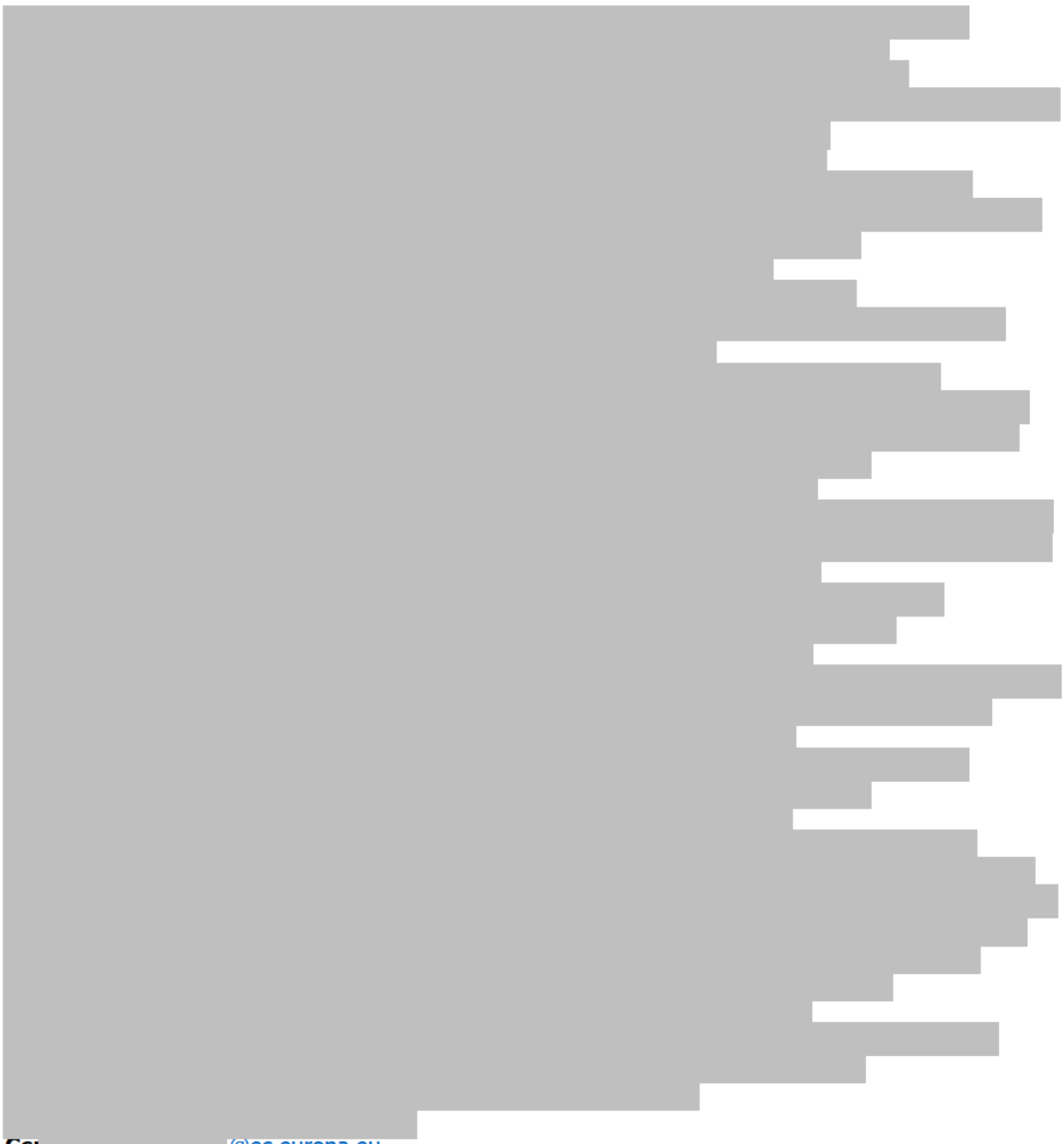

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Dear Member States Competent Authorities for Regulation (EC) 1829/2003,

Following our request to Member States at the PAFF meeting of 11/09/2018 to provide information and data on new mutagenesis techniques, we have received feedback from four Competent Authorities so far.

We would like to thank these Member States for their valuable contribution and kindly remind the other Authorities to send their feedback by 11 October, in order to allow an informed discussion at the next PAFF and Regulatory Committee 2001/18/EC meetings.
To this end, we also invite you to consult the relevant national authorities for Directive 2001/18/EC and Directive 2009/41/EC.
We intend to share Member States' contribution through CIRCA BC.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Best regards,

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