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Subject: ENGL Report on "Detection of food or feed obtained by new mutagenesis techniques"

Dear Sabine,

We have reflected on your request about the document elaborating on current and future possibilities and limitations for laboratories regarding the detection (including identification and quantification) of food or feed products obtained by new mutagenesis techniques.

We would propose to address the following items in the ENGL document, which preparation will be steered by the JRC:

- Challenges and possibilities for validating detection methods by the EURL GMFF and the official control laboratories in the context of the duties laid down in Regulation (EC) 1829/2003.
- In this context the current EURL GMFF-ENGL guidance document "Definition of minimum performance requirements for analytical methods of GMO testing" will be updated.
- Challenges and possibilities for routine testing of food or feed obtained by new mutagenesis techniques by official control (enforcement) laboratories.

Moreover, the EURL GMFF will review and, if required, update its three "Explanatory Notes to Applicants" (regarding Regulations 120/2014, 503/2013, 641/2004) in view of potential applications.

Below please find a tentative timetable for the preparation of this report:

1. Specification of the scientific-technical questions to be addressed in the report (DG SANTE and JRC): *30/10/2018*
2. Information to ENGL Steering Committee about the task & timing & establishment of an 'ENGL drafting group' *31/10/2018*
3. Distribution of a first draft prepared by the JRC to the drafting group & experts: *21/11/2018*
4. Discussion meeting between JRC experts & ENGL volunteers (core group) at JRC-Geel (SANTE representative invited) *26/11/2018*
5. Distribution of the draft report to all ENGL members & SANTE.E with the request to submit comments *17/12/2018*
6. Deadline for comments *11/01/2019*
7. Distribution of the revised draft to the ENGL Steering Committee for final comments (to be sent until 08/02/2019) *28/01/2019*
8. Final discussion and endorsement of the report by the ENGL Steering Committee *19/02/2019*

9. Finalisation of the report & Consultation with SANTE.E before final publication until
publication *01/03/2019*

I am grateful to your comments and consent as soon as possible. We are available for a further discussion.

Kind regards, Elke