

EUROPEAN COMMISSION DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

Food and feed safety, innovation **Director** 

Brussels, SANTE E (2018)6437287

## NOTE TO MS ELKE ANKLAM, DIRECTOR JRC F

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

Thank you for your message via Ares(2018)5508995.

I appreciate the effort for the timely delivery of the ENGL document by 01/03/2019; it is also my understanding that the proposed content and timing only refers to GM food and feed (plant origin).

Content wise however, I notice that the proposed approach does not seem to cover all aspects mentioned in email of 19 October 2018 (Ares(2018)5414747) to

In particular activities regarding 'challenges and possibilities for ... identification of the origin of the mutation in case of multiple mutations' and 'possibilities to develop screening methods targeting conserved CRISPR/Cas sequences in case they remain in the final product' seem not to be covered.

I would welcome confirmation that these topics are dealt with separately within the same timeframe or will be covered these by one of the three items addressed in the ENGL document.

I further notice that GM microorganisms report is not mentioned either in your communication. Could you please confirm that this will be available by June 2019, as discussed previously by and

As agreed GM animals will be dealt with in a later stage, there is therefore no need to elaborate on this part for the moment.

Sabine Jülicher

Cc: (SANTE) (JRC)