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**Subject:** BTO: meeting between Anne Bucher and Patrick Dehaumont, FR DGAL, 22/11/2018

BTO: Meeting between Anne Bucher and Patrick Dehaumont, Directeur Général à l'Alimentation at the French Ministry of Agriculture, 22 November 2018

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FR: Patrick Dehaumont,

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## **1. GMO**

FR considers there is a need to assess the consequences of the ruling for seeds, in particular as the FR *Conseil d'Etat* has made a distinction between *in vivo* and *in vitro* for classical mutagenesis, which the ECJ did not comment. If the *Conseil d'Etat* concludes differently from the ECJ, the resulting diverging interpretation at European and national level will be problematic for operators and the functioning of the internal market.

FR considers it necessary to continue to support research in the field on new mutagenesis/new breeding techniques and hinted at the recent INRA (*Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique*) strategy. FR underlined that one of the most difficult challenges is linked to the absence of methods of detection, which are now worked upon by the EURL in close cooperation with the ENGL.

Regarding the next steps, FR confirmed that there was no inter-ministerial position yet, in particular because the opinion of the *Conseil d'Etat* will be a key element in the assessment of a need or not to amend Directive 2001/18. At EU level, SANTE confirmed that no measure will be proposed under this College and that SANTE is therefore keen in receiving from FR and other MS their positions and thinking, including their ideas for solutions.

FR underlined the diverging sampling and methods of analysis throughout the EU regarding the adventitious presence of unauthorised seeds in conventional seeds. SANTE confirmed that the zero tolerance needs to be implemented and that all Member States have now agreed to cooperate with a view to converge their practices in applying such zero tolerance. SANTE is in the process of setting up a working group of Member States to this end.

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