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Subject: FW: meeting request - plant breeding innovation in sugar beet
Attachments: Sugar beet value chain - position on new breeding techniques.pdf

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Dear Colleagues,

Could you pls register this submission and allocate it to me and [Art. 4.1(b)]

Thx a million, [Art. 4.1(b)]

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To: [Art. 4.1(b)] (TRADE)
Subject: RE: meeting request - plant breeding innovation in sugar beet

Dear [Art. 4.1(b)]

Thank you for your response. Please, see attached the position of the sugar beet value chain that highlights the benefits of plant breeding innovation for the European sugar market. Proportionate, non-discriminatory and enforceable classification of the latest plant breeding methods is vital to maintain the competitiveness of the European sugar beet value chain since some other non-EU markets are better position to use the advantages of the latest plant breeding methods. We hope that you will find the attached document useful in your work and that we will be able to arrange a meeting in the future.

Kind regards,
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Sent: 22 February 2018 14:09
To: [Art. 4.1(b)]
Subject: RE: meeting request - plant breeding innovation in sugar beet

Dear [Art. 4.1(b)]

Thank you for your message. As you surely know, this file is under the responsibility of our colleagues in DG SANTE. We are very busy with files under our core responsibility so I would not set up a meeting on this subject but obviously you are always welcome to send to us written submissions with your concerns.

Thank you for your understanding and best regards,

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Subject: meeting request - plant breeding innovation in sugar beet

Dear [Art. 4.1(b)]

I am writing to you on behalf of a number of companies in the European sugar beet value chain (SesVanderHave, Nordzucker, Suedzucker, KWS, Suiker Unie, Pfeifer & Langen and Tereos) that are strong supporters of the use of plant breeding innovation for sugar beet and believe that innovative technologies can enhance the performance of the crop and support the global competitiveness of the European sugar production.

To that end, the group would appreciate a meeting with you in Brussels at your earliest convenience to discuss the role of plant breeding in the sugar beet value chain and its impact on trade.

We believe that increased understanding of plant genetics and the application of this knowledge in agriculture immensely benefits the sector. In fact, innovation in plant breeding has helped farmers for centuries to plant resilient, nutritious and high-yielding crops. Today it helps to improve plant phenotype and performance more efficiently and breed varieties that require reduced amounts of fertilisers, pesticides or water. With fewer agricultural inputs available, European farmers will need better quality sugar beet to improve their global competitiveness and support the sugar beet value chain and the growing European bio-economy.

The regulatory approach to some of the recent plant breeding methods is currently under deliberation in the EU. Policymakers should rely on scientifically sound understanding of their benefits and specifics when looking at this issue. If a plant variety obtained by one of the latest methods is identical to a variety derived from an earlier breeding method, or could occur naturally, it should not be subject to different or additional regulatory oversight.

Therefore, the companies mentioned above wish to cooperate with you in agreeing a proportionate, non-discriminatory and enforceable classification of the latest plant breeding methods that stimulates the development of a more sustainable agriculture in Europe.

We look forward to hearing from you and having an opportunity to discuss further. Upon your availability I would be happy to set up a meeting with you and a number of the companies' representatives.

Kind regards,

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