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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 23 January 2015 10:58 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Information on the Regulatory Status of NBTs [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thanks a lot for your swift feedback and for this piece of information.

The Reports from the workshops organized by FSANZ are indeed quite interesting. I 'll have a more in depth look at these documents (I had a quick look at the report dated from October 2013) and may then take the liberty to contact you, in case I have any particular question in that respect.

As requested, please find attached a copy of the study on 'the regulatory status of NBTs outside the EU' that we have finalized in October 2013. We are currently in the process of updating this document. We'll be glad to share this paper with you once finalized (within a couple of weeks).

Please feel to come back to us in case you have any particular question in the meantime.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
NBT Platform Secretariat

The NBT Platform is a coalition of SMEs, large industry representatives and members of prominent academic and research institutes which strives to bring clarity to the European debate on NBTs. Its aim is to provide policy makers and stakeholders with clear and precise information on NBTs and to generate awareness about their widespread benefits for the European economy and society as a whole. NBT Platform Secretariat, Rue Belliard 199, bte 22,1040 Brussels, T: [REDACTED]
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To: 'NBT Secretariat'
Subject: RE: Information on the Regulatory Status of NBTs [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear [REDACTED]

There are no new developments to report regarding regulatory situation for plants derived through NBTs in Australia. Therefore, as previously indicated, the published report from the European Commission Joint Research Centre NPBT meeting in Seville in 2011 still provides a reasonable reflection of the Australian situation.

However, in relation to food regulation, the Australian food regulatory agency (Food Standards Australia New Zealand; FSANZ) held workshops in 2012 and 2013 to consider food derived from such plants. The purpose of these workshops was to enhance FSANZ's scientific knowledge and understanding a number of NBTs, and to discuss related scientific, technical and regulatory issues. The reports from these workshops may be of interest to you, and can be found on the FSANZ website, at <http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/consumer/gmfood/Pages/New-plant-breeding-techniques-in-the-spotlight.aspx>.

Has the NBT Platform finalised a report on the international regulatory situation for NBTs? If so is it available publically, or are you able to share it with us? As you note, it is useful to understand the approach of other countries when considering local positions.

Regards

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From: NBT Secretariat [<mailto:info@nbtplatform.org>]
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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Information on the Regulatory Status of NBTs [SEC=No Protective Marking]

Dear Sir,

My name is [REDACTED], and I am contacting you on behalf of [REDACTED], the Chairman of the 'New Breeding Techniques (NBT) Platform'. The NBT Platform is a coalition of SMEs, large industry representatives and members of prominent academic and research institutes which strives to bring clarity to the European debate on plant new breeding techniques.

We contacted you in early 2013 in order to collect information on Australia's domestic policie(s) and/or legislation(s) targeting at NBTs. We are getting in touch with you again to ask you whether you could report to us any possible new developments on that subject.

As you may be aware, the European Commission is in the process of forming an official position with regards to regulating NBTs. We know by experience that the European Union usually takes account of policies in third countries when adopting its own position (and 'vice versa'). We therefore strive to gather any relevant information on non-EU countries legislations on that subject.

In case you are not following this particular topic, could you please direct me to one of your colleagues.

Thanking you in advance for your collaboration, I remain at your disposal in case you require any precisions concerning the above request or the NBT Platform activities.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]
*On behalf of [REDACTED]
Chairman of the NBT Platform*

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