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APPLICATION

Dear

In Directive (EU) 2015/412 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2015 «amending Directive 2001/18/EC as regards the possibility for the Member States to restrict or prohibit the cultivation of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in their territory», the Article 26c «Transitional measures» added in Directive 2001/18/EC, gives the possibility to Member States to demand that the geographical scope of an authorisation granted under Directive 2001/18 before 2 April 2015, be adjusted.

Besides, the Commission Decision 98/294/EC of 22 April 1998 authorised the placing on the market of genetically modified maize (*Zea mays* L. line MON 810), pursuant to Council Directive 90/220/EEC. This Directive was replaced by Directive 2001/18/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 March 2001 "on the deliberate release into the environment of genetically modified organisms and repealing Council Directive 90/220/EEC".

In 18/04/2007, the authorisation given by the Commission Decision 98/294/EC was expired and an application for readmission, including products of MON810 for cultivation, has been filed under Regulation 1829/2003/EC. Until a decision is reached, the authorisation for cultivation of maize MON810 remains valid as "existing product".

In respect to the above legal basis, the Hellenic State demands altering the geographical scope of the existing authorization of the genetic modification MON 810, by excluding the totality of the Hellenic Territory.

Please proceed to the foreseen legal actions. We are at your disposal for any further clarification on the subject.

Please accept my kind regards.

Sincerely Yours,



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