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## Austrian Comments on the Questionnaire about the socio-economic implications of the placing on the market of GMOs for cultivation

Dear Mrs. Bruetschy,

Following to your e-mail of 29<sup>th</sup> July 2009, the Federal Ministry of Health – General Directorate II is pleased to send you the Austrian comments on the "Questionnaire about the socio-economic implications of the placing on the market of GMOs for cultivation" as attachment.

This questionnaire consists of contributions of all authorities, agencies, institutions involved in GMO-issues as well as of all federal provinces of Austria.

As discussed after the CA-Meeting according to Dir. 2001/18/EC held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2009 in Brussels, Austria will also provide you soon (end of January 2010) with the results of a study on socio-economic aspects carried out by Dr. Armin Spök, IFZ Graz and kindly asks you to take this report into consideration when evaluating the Member State's responses on the above mentioned questionnaire.

With best regards For the Minister: Dr Michel Haas

Enclosure: 1

signed electronically