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26c

Dear I

Hereby the Netherlands demands, in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 26c of Directive 2001/18/EC, a restriction of the geographical scope of the application for cultivation of a genetically modified organism.

This request concerns the application (notification) for cultivation of Maize GA21 (UK/2008/60).

At the moment, the Dutch Authorities, in collaboration with the Parliament, are in the process of developing a policy framework that will be used for making decisions on whether or not to use the possibility of demanding an adjustment of the geographical scope of an authorisation as referred to in Articles 26b and 26c of Directive 2001/18/EC.

The Dutch Government has decided to demand a restriction of the geographical scope of all current applications and the one existing authorisation for cultivation of GM crops pending the development of the abovementioned framework. Once the framework is established, it will be used to determine on a case by case basis, whether or not the Dutch Government will retain its demand for a restricted geographical scope.

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On behalf of the
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