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European Commission  
Health and Consumers Directorate-General  
Safety of the Food Chain  
Biotechnology

Dear

**Demand for the adjustment of the geographical scope for Maize Bt11**

According to 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 and Article 26c thereof, the Republic of Cyprus demands that the geographical scope of *genetic modification of maize Bt11* be adjusted by excluding the totality of its territory.

We kindly ask for this demand to be presented to the notifier/applicant and to the other Member States, as foreseen in Article 26c.

We remain at your disposal for any further clarification.

Please accept my sincere regards,

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Permanent Secretary  
Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment

