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Dear 

Subject: Additional information on maize MIR162

On 21 September and 10 November 2022, we mandated EFSA to assess the comments containing scientific considerations received during the public consultation on the opinions on the applications for authorisation of genetically modified maize MON 89034 × 1507 × MIR162 × NK603 × DAS-40278-9 and subcombinations and for the renewal of the authorisation of genetically modified maize MIR162.

A recently published patent was mentioned in the comments submitted by the public regarding unintended effects of genetically modified maize MIR162 and was provided to EFSA for assessment in the mentioned mandates.

The event MIR162 is present in a number of authorised genetically modified stack maize ⁽¹⁾. Therefore, and in accordance with Articles 10(1) and 22(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003, I would ask EFSA to consider whether, on the basis of the information submitted in the public consultations referred to above, the conclusions for the adopted opinions on stacks containing MIR162 remain valid.

⁽¹⁾ Bt11 × MIR162 × MIR604 × GA21 (EFSA-GMO-DE-2009-66), Bt11 × MIR162 × 1507 × GA21 (EFSA-GMO-DE-2010-86), Bt11 × MIR162 × MIR604 × 1507 × 5307 × GA21 (EFSA-GMO-DE-2011-103), MON 87427 × MON 89034 × MIR162 × MON 87411 (EFSA-GMO-2017-144), MON 87427 × MON 89034 × MIR162 × NK603 (EFSA-GMO-NL-2016-131), MON 87427 × MON 87460 × MON 89034 × MIR162 × NK603 (EFSA-GMO-NL-134) and 1507 × MIR162 × MON810 × NK603 (EFSA-GMO-NL-2015-127)

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I would be grateful to receive your answer within two months of the date of this letter.

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