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Dear

Thank you for your e-mail dated 8 February 2012 concerning formulations and substances used for different purposes than fertilization and crop protection. You also mention in your e-mail adjuvants and growth regulators without nutrient or pest control claims.

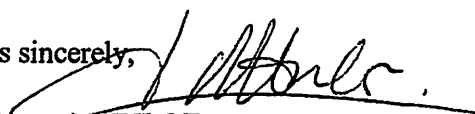
I would like firstly to clarify that, in general, adjuvants and growth regulators are included in the scope of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009¹ concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market.

However, from your request I understand that you are posing two different questions, one is about product formulations and another concerning the use of substances for other purposes than fertilization, soil conditioning or crop protection.

As regards the first question, in Annex I and II to Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 of 5 September 2008² are included restricted lists of substances, which may be used in accordance with Regulations (EC) No 834/2007³ and No 889/2008 as fertilizers or soil conditioners and as pesticides in organic production in the EU. Commercial formulations including also other substances used as adjuvants etc. are not listed in the above mentioned lists.

As far as your second question is concerning, Article 16 (4) to Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 allows Member States to regulate within their territory the use of products and substances in organic farming for purposes different than those mentioned in paragraph 1 (*i.e. plant protection, fertilizers and soil conditioners*) provided their use is subject to objectives and principles laid down in title II and the general and specific criteria set out in paragraph 2, and in so far it respects the EU law.

Yours sincerely,


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¹ OJ L 309, 24.11.2009, p. 0001-0050

² OJ L 250, 18.09.2008, p. 0001-0084

³ OJ L 189, 20.07.2007, p. 0001-0023