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Subject: Organic farming Ferrocyanide Final Report

Dear

Thank you for your e-mail of 29 February 2012 concerning the conclusion of the expert group for technical advice on organic production (EGTOP) report on Feed. In particular, you would like to raise the following objections on sodium ferrocyanide E535:

- The levels of ferrocyanides allowed in salt are too low (20ppm): it should be maximum 80 ppm;
- The use is time-limited to allow the industry to switch from ferrocyanides to carbonates: this timeline is unacceptable since carbonates are not efficient enough as anti-caking agent.

You also ask what would be the next steps in the procedures and if there is any possibility to assure your comments are taken into consideration.

To reply to your questions, I inform you that in preparing its draft proposal relating to a Commission Implementing Regulation on feed the Commission is taking into account the independent EGTOP expert advice. This includes also the specific opinion of EGTOP on Sodium Ferrocyanide.

The draft implementing proposal on feed, which will include also Sodium Ferrocyanide, will be discussed in the Standing Committee on Organic Farming (SCOF) by the end of this month.

Yours sincerely,

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