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Subject: Request to include sodium hydroxide in organic apiculture

Dear Mrs Stubberud,

Thank you for your e-mail sent on 22 February 2012 concerning the possible use of Sodium hydroxide (caustic soda) for disinfection of apiaries.

According to Article 16 of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 where a Member State considers that a product or substance should be added to, or withdrawn from the list referred to in paragraph 1, or that the specifications of use mentioned in subparagraph (a) should be amended, the Member State shall ensure that a dossier giving the reasons for the inclusion, withdrawal or amendments is sent officially to the Commission and to the Member States.

Therefore, in general the evaluation procedure is triggered by a request from a Member State. I apologize for any misunderstanding that may be occurred during the discussions on this issue in the Standing Committee on Organic Farming (SCOF) .

If you wish, we are available to discuss this point in one of the next SCOF meetings.

Yours sincerely,

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