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Subject: Inclusion of P-Chloro-M-Cresol in Annex VII of Regulation (EC) No 889/2008

Dear Mr Slomke,

I write you to inform you that, after an exchange of information on the current legal status of p-chloro-m-cresol, we have decided to not proceed with the evaluation of this substance in the expert group for technical advice on organic production.

Indeed, the substance is currently under assessment according to the relevant biocidal legislation and it may be authorised at EU level only when this review will be concluded. At the moment, biocidal products containing this substance are authorised by the Member States and not by the Commission.

DG Environment is in charge with the legislation concerning biocidal products, therefore we advise you to contact them directly. The desk officers is Mr Choraine Pierre Unit D3.

Yours sincerely,

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