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**Subject: Request to amend Annex II (Pesticides) and concerning
Fatty acid potassium salt (soft soap)**

Dear Mrs Schere,

With reference to your e-mail dated 19 January 2012 and after an exchange of information with DG Health and Consumers, we inform you that fatty acids C7 to C20 have been included in the transversal legislation concerning plant protection products as, among other, insecticide, acaricide, herbicide, plant growth regulator; but not as fungicide.

Therefore, it will not be possible to take into consideration your request for a possible evaluation of the expert group for technical advice on organic production, concerning the extension of fatty acids use as fungicide in the organic production. As a matter of priority, this request has to be assessed according to the transversal legislation.

We advise you to contact your colleagues in charge of the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing on the market of plant protection products¹, in Sweden. They can discuss your proposal with DG Health and Consumers which is in charge of the Plant Protection Products legislation.

I also add here the names of the desk officers Ms Pitton Patricia and Mr. Wolfgang Reinert Unit E3 DG SANCO.

Yours sincerely,

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¹ OJ L 309, 1-50.

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