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Dear Mr António Bidarra,

Thank you for your e-mail dated 21 November 2011 where you ask for our analysis on lime from sugar production when it comes from sugar cane refining activity. In particular, you would like to know if we consider this product to be already listed in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EC) No 889/2008, or if there is the need to initiate the authorization procedure by drafting a specific dossier according to Article 16(3)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007.

Indeed, sugar lime from industrial production is clearly mentioned in the above mentioned Annex. However, under column "description, compositional requirements, conditions for use" it is specified that this is a by-product of sugar production from sugar beet.

You refer to lime from sugar cane production, which does not correspond to the product currently quoted in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EC) No 889/2008.

Therefore, in case you find that it is necessary to include the above mentioned product in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EC) No 889/2008, a specific dossier should be introduced according to Article 16(3)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007. In this regard I inform you that the relevant template is on CIRCA and also on the EU organic farming website<sup>1</sup>

I remind you that, according to Article 16(3)(b) of the above mentioned Regulation, the dossier supporting the request should be sent officially to all Member States.

As regards the technical evaluation of this substance, it could be the item for the agenda of one of the EGTOP sub-group meetings that we may set up in future. However, for priority reasons this is not planned to take place in 2012.

Yours sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> [http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/organic/eu-policy/expert-recommendations/expert-group\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/organic/eu-policy/expert-recommendations/expert-group_en)

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