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Subject: Draft Australian input to OECD WGHROB Questionnaire on New Plant Breeding Techniques (NPBT) - Comments to OGTR by Friday 29 November please [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

requested action: provide any comments on the draft input to NPBT questionnaire by 12 noon Friday 29 November

Dear colleagues

As foreshadowed by [REDACTED] in October, Australia has been asked to respond to a questionnaire from the OECD Working Group on the Harmonisation of Regulatory Oversight in Biotechnology (WGHROB) on environmental risk assessment of plants developed using new plant breeding techniques (NPBT).

Thanks again to those who provided initial comments on the questionnaire.

Please find attached a copy of the draft response that the OGTR has developed. We have also approached some representatives from industry and academia for their input into questions II and IV to inform our response.

Background

As detailed in the introduction in the attached questionnaire the OECD Working Group on the Harmonisation of Regulatory Oversight in Biotechnology (WGHROB) is holding a workshop on NPBT in February 2014. This workshop is not about definitions of gene technology or what is or should be regulated in each country, but is concentrating on how countries identify, address and assess new plants and NPBTs being used to develop them, particularly from an environmental risk/safety assessment (ER/SA) perspective. The responses to this questionnaire will help develop the agenda for this workshop. Responses to the questionnaire will be posted on the OECD WGHROB password protected website, which is accessible to the delegations from participating countries.

Please could you provide any comments or suggested changes to this response as soon as possible, but at the latest by 12 noon on Friday 29 November, to enable us to meet the 30 November deadline. Apologies for the short timeframe.

Please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED] or me if you have any questions.

Kind regards

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Dear Colleagues

Attached is a questionnaire prepared by the OECD Working Group on the Harmonization of Regulatory Oversight in Biotechnology (WGHROB), on New Plant Breeding Techniques (NPBT).

The OECD WGHROB are planning a workshop on NPBT on 10th February, 2014, in association with the upcoming 28th meeting of the Working Group (11-13 February 2013). In order to prepare for the Workshop the WGHROB Bureau have developed the questionnaire to better understand the interests of delegates. The responses to the questionnaire will be uploaded to the OECD password protected website which is accessible to WGHROB members.

Please note that the questionnaire and the workshop are focussed on environmental risk assessment and not on the scope of different regulatory systems or whether plants produced using certain technologies should be regulated or not.

OGTR is preparing draft a response to the questionnaire for submission to the WG Bureau by 30 November 2013.

Prior to this, we invite your initial comments by COB Friday 25 October, with earlier indication of any significant issues.

A collated response will then be circulated to agencies in mid November for your final comments prior to our submission to the WG Bureau.

Kind regards

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