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**Subject:** Follow-up of our conversation of last Tuesday

Dear [REDACTED]

First of all, I hope you and your families are still in good health!

Following our telephone conversation of last Tuesday, herewith I am sending you the additional information we discussed:

1. Overview of measures for reduction of ammonia emissions in agriculture  
Attached you can find a note in which we have described (1) measures currently in place, (2) new measures the government has decided to take, (3) further measures that are currently under consideration.

2. Emission reduction achieved by restructuring pig sector  
In the meeting you asked what is the expected effect of the subsidy scheme for restructuring the pig sector on ammonia emissions. The expected reduction of ammonia emissions as a consequence of the subsidy scheme for restructuring the pig sector is currently estimated at 1.7 kton NH3 in 2030. A more precise figure can be given in May, once assessment and selection of applicants is finished.

3. Proposal for a text in the derogation decision  
In the meeting we discussed the need to address the issue of ammonia emissions in the derogation decision. We explained that our policy measures on reducing ammonia emissions in agriculture are targeted at the whole sector and that no distinction is being made between companies that do and do not make use of the derogation. It is also important to take into account the fact that water quality under derogation companies is structurally better than under non-derogation companies. Therefore, we propose to address this issue in the general considerations of the derogation decision. We propose the following consideration:  
(in Dutch): "*Overwegende dat een derogatie een hogere gift van mest mogelijk maakt, die ook leidt tot hogere ammoniak emissie, die indirect (beperkte) impact heeft op de oppervlaktewaterkwaliteit, dient Nederland tegelijkertijd zorg te dragen voor verdere daling van de ammoniakemissie in de landbouw.*"

(English translation): *"Whereas a derogation allows a higher application of animal manure, leading to higher ammonia emissions, which have an indirect (limited) impact on surface water quality, the Netherlands must at the same time ensure a further decrease in ammonia emissions in agriculture."*

4. Additional reporting obligations

Finally, in our call Wim referred to additional conditions in article 11 of the Decision on reporting obligations. Is it possible to share them with us?

I hope this e-mail provides you with sufficient information to draft the decision. We are ofcourse available to discuss matters by telephone if this is helpful.

Best regards,

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