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**To:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** RE: Draft text Commission decision for the derogation  
**Attachments:** 220823 NL derogation post ISC -19AUG2022 - for NL - response.docx

Dear [REDACTED]

Herewith we send you our factual check on the draft decision. We did make a remark on some points and it is of course up to you if you want to take them into further consideration. Should this raise any further questions on your side, ofcourse let us know.

Could you inform us when you will share the draft decision with the Member States prior to the Nitrates Committee scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022? In our process to Parliament we foresee to inform our Parliament on the content of the draft decision after the draft decision is shared with the Member States. [REDACTED]

Furthermore, as shared earlier this week, I have started a new position at the Ministry of Public Health. [REDACTED] has started as head of the nitrates / manure team at the Ministry of Agriculture as of this month. His contacts are: [REDACTED] Further correspondence on the draft decision can take place with him from here. I hope you will have the opportunity to meet each other in person soon.

From my side, I would like to thank you and your team very much for the cooperation over the past years. Notwithstanding our different views at times, I have always appreciated our discussions and the mutual understanding and efforts to find a solution. I look forward to meeting in Brussels soon for a proper goodbye!

Best regards,  
[REDACTED]

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**Van:** [REDACTED]  
**Verzonden:** maandag 22 augustus 2022 09:50  
**Aan:** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Onderwerp:** Draft text Commission decision for the derogation

Dear [REDACTED]

I hope you have had a very relaxing summer break.

As per agreement, I am sending you for your information the draft Commission Decision that has been the subject of a comprehensive inter-service and cabinets consultation.

As regards the buffer strips we have included the text that the Commission proposed to the NL on 3 August in the context of the GAEC 4 of the CAP SP. We are well aware that NL made a counter proposal on 16 August and the Commission will be reacting to this counterproposal

today or tomorrow. So we know that this is still subject to negotiations. We will finally include in the Draft Commission decision the outcome of that parallel discussion.

You will see that there a couple of places where we marked that some factual information would be needed from your side to complement the text.

Please also check if there are any inaccuracies in numbers or references.

However, as you can well understand, this text is final and **no other changes than factual inaccuracies will be accepted.**

We would be very grateful if you would provide us with the references and any factual correction **by tomorrow (Tuesday 23 August) cob.** So that we can send the text to the other MS for the vote on 15 September.

Best regards

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