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Dear Mr Flüh,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with our organizations representing the livestock and agriculture sector last week. We are glad to have had the opportunity to discuss with you and your colleagues about important matters for our business such as the risk of trade disruptions and the pending applications for authorization of GM products.

We appreciated very much your openness to hear our position on these matters.

Given the impacts that the current regulatory framework for GMOs has had on the farming sector and the knowledge about and experience with GMOs that has been accumulated over the last decades, we do believe that the call of President Juncker for a review of the existing decision-making process applied to GMOs is very timely.

Our organizations agree that the priority of this review, as President Juncker wrote to Commissioner Andriukaitis in the mission letter, should be on modernizing or simplifying the existing legislation, in line with EU better regulation principles.

We therefore ask your support for a thorough review of the EU regulatory framework for GMOs with focus on modernizing or simplifying it in the full respect of some of its current key principles such as the unity of the internal market, the freedom of choice for farmers to use safe GM products and decisions based on sound scientific evidence.

Sincerely,

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2. Associação Nacional de Armazenistas, Comerciantes e Importadores de Cereais e Oleaginosas (ACICO)
3. Asociación Española de Comercio Exterior de Cereales y Productos Analógicos (AECEC)

4. Associação Nacional dos Engordadores de Bovinos (ANEB)
5. Associação Nacional dos Industriais de Lacticínios (ANIL)
6. Asociación Nacional de Productores de Ganado Porcino (ANPROGAPOR)
7. Associação Nacional dos Produtores e Comerciantes de Sementes (ANSEME)
8. Associação Portuguesa Dos Criadores Da Raça Frísia (APCRF)
9. Associação Portuguesa dos Industriais de Carnes (APIC)
10. Asociación Empresarial de Productores de Cultivos Marinos de España. (APROMAR)
11. Asociación Española de Productores de Huevos (ASEPRHU)
12. Asociación Española de Productores de Vacuno de Carne (Asoprovac)
13. Associazione Agricoltori FuturAgra (FUTURAGRA)
14. Federação Nacional das Cooperativas de Leite (FENALAC)
15. Federação Nacional das Associações de Bovinos (FEPABO)
16. Federação Portuguesa das Associações Avícolas (FEPASA)
17. Federação Das Indústrias Portuguesas Agro Alimentares (FIPA)
18. Federação Portuguesa de Actividades Subaquáticas (FPAS)
19. Associação Portuguesa das Indústrias de Alimentos Compostos para Animais (IACA)
20. Asociación Nacional de Industrias Cárnicas de Ovino-Caprino (ANICOC)
21. Asociación Nacional de Ganaderos-Recriadores de Ganado Ovino de Carne (OVICEBO)
22. Confederazione Generale dell'Agricoltura Italiana (CONFAGRICOLTURA)
23. National Farmers Union (NFU)
24. Organización interprofesional de la avicultura de carne (PROPOLLO)

