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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your swift answer.

I appreciate the additional workload created by this issue for the CPC network. As you know, the issue is a top priority for the President of the Commission and from the governments of most EU countries from Eastern and Central Europe. The Commission has therefore pledged to assist by various strands of action. One strand is the development of a harmonised testing approach, another one is the support to national authorities to enforce existing rules. These strands run in parallel and are mutually supportive. Indeed, the testing approach should be instrumental to help detect unfair practices and the guidance we have developed should also take into account this testing approach in the future.

If your office cannot send a representative, maybe colleagues from the Health ministry or from the Perm Rep in Brussels could participate.

Best Regards.

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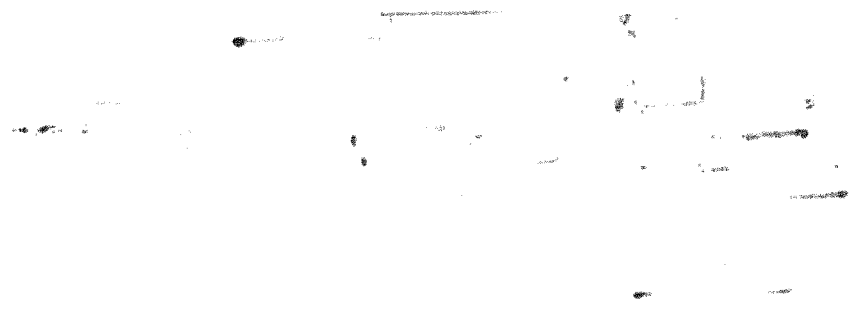
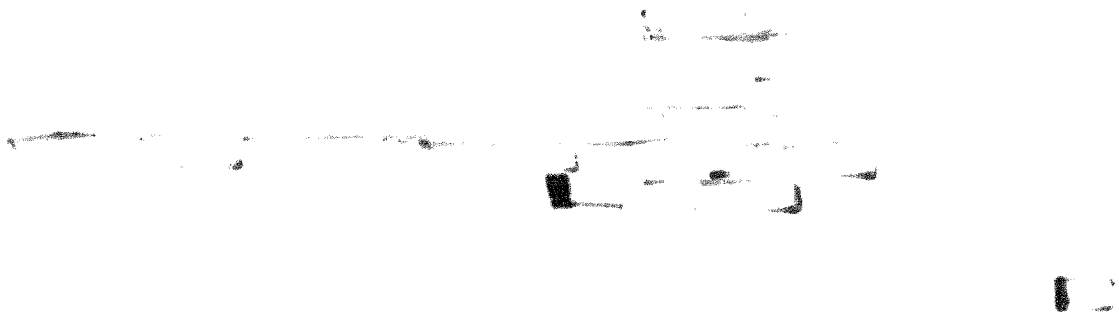
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Dear [REDACTED]

as you know the Austrian SLO participates constantly in ongoing CPC-activities. The topic "Dual Quality of Food" has been discussing on CPC level since spring 2017. Austria took part in the discussions within the recent CPC committee meetings as well as in the last Workshop concerning this topic on September 28th.

In view of the present agenda we don't think that we can contribute further to the ongoing discussion. As we and other CPC colleagues have already at the last discussions to this topic, the interpretation of the UCP-Directive is the task of the competent courts.

We also wonder why a further WS takes place so quickly. The Commission has emphasized the need for a harmonized testing approach for the purpose of an informed



discussion and decision making of this topic, however, the results from the JRC study can't be expected before 2018.

Moreover there are other committees in which this topic is discussed, e.g. the forum for the better functioning of the food supply chain, where Austria takes an active role. Therefore I can assure you, that our not-attendance on CPC Workshops concerning this topic doesn't contradict Austria's approach toward this topic as it was set out on yesterday's Agri-fish Council.

Kind regards,

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Betreff: CPC workshop on the issue of dual quality food

Dear [redacted]

I am writing to you regarding our CPC workshop on the issue of dual quality food which will take place on 13 November 2017 in Brussels. So far, we have received no confirmation of participation from Austria.

This is rather surprising, taking into account the statements made by representatives from Austria during today's Agri-fish Council (and also during the last Agri-fish Council in July).

In short, we understand that your government sees the issue as a priority and is very interested to work on the evidence gathering and on enforcement issues. Furthermore, we understand that your government is of the opinion that, a priori, no new rules are needed and that it is important that the competent authorities seek to implement the existing ones in working on concrete conclusive cases.

The workshop of 13 November is clearly going in the direction recommended by your government. Therefore, I would like to kindly insist that you coordinate with your concerned colleagues in the Austrian Permanent Representation in Brussels and in the Ministry of Health about the participation of your country to the 13 November workshop.

The main focus of this workshop (please see attached agenda) will be the discussion of practical cases that will be presented by some of the Member States where comparative tests have been carried out. In these cases, significant composition differences have been found and it should be considered whether the marketing/packaging could potentially mislead consumers into believing they are similar products. The objective will be to test the relevance and applicability of the guidance that the Commission has adopted by the end of September about both EU food law and the Unfair Commercial Practice Directive.

In this complex issue, it is crucial to develop good cooperation among the authorities concerned, irrespective of whether they are in the countries of the consumers or of the producers. I therefore believe that the discussion during this workshop will be an important step to develop a better cross border understanding of the issue among colleagues from various Member States.

Kind regards,

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