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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your interest in our activities and for reaching out to us. I hope this message comes at a time when you, your family and colleagues are safe and healthy.

Let me first clarify, and reassure you, that the objective of the Directive is not to ban materials from the circulation in the Internal Market. It is instead to prevent that the value of a very good material - like plastics - is lost in a single-use application, thus often contributing to the harmful phenomenon of plastics littering in the natural environment, with heavy consequences on the quality of fresh and marine water, as well as on biodiversity.

Having this in mind, the co-legislators agreed on a definition of plastics that is based on the definition of polymer as defined in art. 3.5 of the REACH Regulation, with some additional points aimed at including materials whose environmental behaviour is comparable to plastics (like chemically modified bamboo) and some exemptions, aimed at excluding those natural polymers whose chemical structure has not been modified (e.g. wood, cotton, pulp, etc).

Given the fact that DG GROW had the opportunity - on March 13 - to discuss and clarify the topic with EDANA, association that you are member of, we encourage you to liaise with them on this subject. Please also note that the Single-Use Plastics Directive falls within the area of competence of DG Environment, who is also in charge of drafting the guidelines for interpretation and implementation. This is why we encourage you to contact them - the relevant unit is ENV/B3 (email address: ENV-B03-ARES@ec.europa.eu) - in case you need any further information or clarification on this particular topic.

I hope this clarifies. In case you need any further information about DG GROW's role in this process, please do not hesitate to come back to me via email or telephone.

Kind regards [REDACTED]

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Dear [redacted],

First of all I do hope you and your families are doing well in this difficult time.

I am contacting you to request a very short meeting 15/30 minutes, to have the possibilities to highlight Eastman scientific and political position on the plastic definition as defined by the Single Use Plastics Directive.

So far, we did not have any chance to further discuss with your Unit about this topic and I would appreciate if you could set 15/30 minutes next week for a call.

I am very aware of the time and priorities, however your position counts to us and an exchange of views would be beneficial.

I look forward to hearing from you and I remain at your disposal for any date and time.

Kind regards,

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