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Subject: Request for amendment of Annex VII of Commission Regulation (EC) No 889/2008

Dear Mr Fransella,

Thank you for your e-mails sent on Thursday 12 January 2012 concerning the inclusion of the active product hypochlorous acid in addition to sodium hypochlorite in Annex VII(1) and (2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 889/2008.

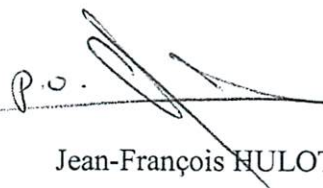
As you know, the assessments of the expert group for technical advice on organic production (EGTOP) do not regard formulations but only active substances. In this particular case, we understand that you propose the assessment of the combined use of hypochlorous acid with sodium hypochlorite. Therefore, EGTOP may assess the possible use of hypochlorous acid and, in addition, express an opinion on its use in combination with sodium hypochlorite, which is already authorised.

Please let us know if this would reflect your request.

As regards the technical evaluation of these substances this could be one of the items for the agenda of one of specific sub-group meeting that we may set up in future.

I remind you that according to Article 16(3)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007, the dossier supporting the request should be sent officially to all Member States.

Yours sincerely,



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