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Subject: Request for assessment of smoke condensate/smoke flavours

Dear Mrs Larsson,

I am writing you with reference to your e-mail sent on 20 December 2011 on the possible use of smoke condensate/smoke flavours in organic production. I inform you that DG Health and Consumers is currently assessing a number of products of the above mentioned category in view of a possible authorisation according to Regulation (EC) No 2065/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹. These substances may be used pending the results of the evaluation. However, they are not authorised yet at EU level.

Therefore, it will not be possible to proceed with their evaluation according to the organic legislation before they are assessed according to the transversal legislation. The relevant Food mandate, published by the Commission for the expert group for technical advice on organic production on the organic farming website, will be amended accordingly.

In order to get more information on this issue you may wish to contact the desk officer Ms Sirku Heinimaa in DG SANCO Unit E3.

Yours sincerely,

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¹ OJ L 309, 26.11.2003, p.1

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