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Dear Stephen

REQUEST FOR FURTHER ANALYSIS OF THE MONSANTO SOYA BEAN LINE 40-3-2

On 25 January, the Advisory Committee on Novel Foods and Processing considered the letter of 13 December from the Ministry of Midclass and Agriculture, Belgium and your letter of 18 December to Paul Burrows regarding the Roundup Ready soya bean line 40-3-2.

Although the Committee felt that the information did not alter their original views regarding the safety assessment of this line they would like to see experimental data regarding the 533bp fragment that extends past the 3' terminus of the functional insert. These experiments should be designed to demonstrate whether this fragment is transcribed in the soya beans and hence could produce a functional protein.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course and am happy to discuss the ACNFP's request with you further.

Yours sincerely

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