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Dear Paul

MONSANTO SOYA BEAN LINE 40-3-2

Members of the Advisory Committee on Novel Foods and Processes and the Advisory Committee on Animal Feedingstuffs have considered all the data provided by Monsanto to date on the above soya bean line. They have concluded that there are no additional concerns regarding the safety of this soya bean line in light of the new information provided by the company.

The Food Standards Agency is therefore content for you to now inform the Commission and MISC6 that we consider that the presence of the additional fragments does not alter the previous safety assessment of this line for use as food or feed.

I am copying this letter to Jon Bell, Nick Tomlinson, and Bill Knock.

Yours sincerely

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