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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 10 July to Jim Paice, about the French Government's action on Cruiser OSR. I am replying as the Minister responsible for pesticides.

As I explained in my previous letter, the study by Henry et al to which you refer is currently under detailed review in the UK, together with other studies. This is being examined by the Health and Safety Executive's Chemicals Regulation Directorate, Defra's Food and Environment Research Agency, as well as the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. The work is being overseen by Defra's Chief Scientific Adviser and we will take into account the statement published on 1 June by the European Food Safety Authority, and the information in EFSA's scientific opinion.

With regard to the EU situation, we understand that the Commission does not intend proposing any EU measures at this stage, and that the Commission expects France to take interim protective measures as set out in article 71 of Regulation 1107/2009 if these are considered necessary.

Yours sincerely

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