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Dear

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: DETAILS OF CONTACTS BETWEEN Defra AND THE GM INDUSTRY SINCE 15 APRIL 2014 ON THE EU COMMISSION AND GREEK PRESIDENCY'S GM CULTIVATION PROPOSALS

Thank you for your request for information about all communications between Defra and the GM industry since 15 April 2014 on the GM cultivation proposals. We received this on 17 June 2014 and as you know we have handled your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

I enclose a copy of the information you requested, which was a press release from EuopaBio. We have no other documents within the scope of your request.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the EIRs, and in keeping with the government's Transparency Agenda, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. Therefore, the information released to you will now be published on www.gov.uk together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. Please note that this will not include your personal data.

I attach Annex A, which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you.

I also attach Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.



If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

Annex A

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