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**Sent:** 03 July 2014 13:02  
**To:** [REDACTED]@syngenta.com  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT: OFFICIAL SENSITIVE: Syngenta - withdrawal of application - statement

Dear [REDACTED]

Sarah has fed this into the system and the Comms team are working on our own lines. Could I raise two quick questions?

1. Do you have a fixed time for issue of the statement?
2. Could you explain what is referred to in the phrase I've highlighted in yellow? Arwyn and I couldn't immediately connect this to plans that Government has announced.

Many thanks and best wishes

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**Sent:** 03 July 2014 11:10  
**To:** Church, Sarah (Defra)  
**Subject:** Syngenta - withdrawal of application - statement

Dear Sarah,

It is Syngenta's intention to withdraw its application (COP 2013/01657) for the emergency use of Cruiser OSR in the 2014 season. Please find below a statement that we will issue externally later today to inform stakeholders of this decision.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

*"Following an assessment of the current planting schedule for growers, Syngenta has decided to*

*withdraw its application for the emergency use of neonicotinoid seed treatment on Winter Oilseed Rape in the UK. Whilst the Advisory Committee on Pesticides has indicated that the criteria for emergency use has been met, there has been insufficient time to conclude on the conditions for verifying and auditing planting locations which were specific to this limited use application. In making the application, Syngenta was clear that in order to supply the product to British farmers and, importantly, to ensure its effective stewardship an approval from government was required by the end of June.*

*As the first year in which farmers will be unable to use neonicotinoid treated seed for winter oil seed rape, **we welcome the fact that the Government will be assessing the establishment of the crop in the UK this season.** Based on this assessment, Syngenta will consider making a new application for the 2015/16 season to ensure British farmers have access to a technology which helps them to grow crops sustainably and which is safe for bees. We also welcome the fact that the Government's opposition to the EU-wide restriction of neonicotinoid pesticides remains unchanged.*

*More broadly, Syngenta remains supportive of the Government's National Pollinator Strategy and fully intends to continue our work with farmers to provide food and habitat for bees, which is the key driver for their long term health, through Operation Pollinator."*

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