

EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

Director-General

Brussels,
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Dear Mr Rouillard,

Subject: EU equivalence Ukraine - cereal seeds

I am referring to your letter dated 17 January 2017 where you have asked clarifications about the recognition of seed equivalency for Ukraine (UA).

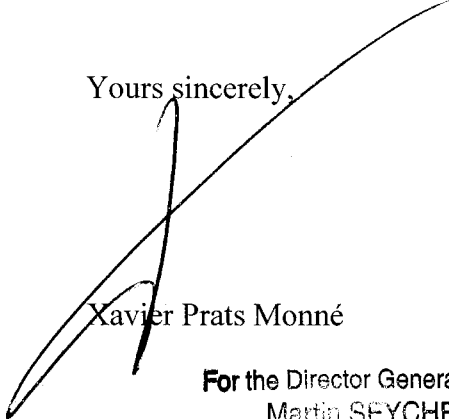
Ukraine has fulfilled the necessary EU import requirements and this matter has been discussed on several occasions with the EU seed industry representatives.

The Commission, for its part, is now largely satisfied that the conditions are right, in particular following the outcome of the audit by the DG SANTE services. However, formal approval still required clarification of the outcome of the negotiations in Ukraine on the draft new law (Order 71) laying down SPS import requirements which would have huge implications for our exports to UA.

This new law has been revised and, based on an initial assessment, has taken on board the main comments raised. If finalised, the Commission foresees to adopt the Decision recognising seed equivalency for Ukraine in the second half of 2017 or beginning of 2018.

I am looking forward to the continued co-operation.

Yours sincerely,



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