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Subject: Evaluation of the re-analysis of the statistical evaluation of a 90-day rat feeding study of MON 863 carried out by Seralini *et al.*

Dear Mr. Madelin,

On 15 March 2007 you have requested EFSA to consider, in cooperation with Member States, what impact the re-analysis of the statistical evaluation of the 90-day rat feeding study of MON 863 carried out by Seralini, Cellier and Vendomois might have on earlier Opinions and Statement on the safety of MON 863 of the EFSA GMO Panel as adopted in 2004.

Immediately following your request EFSA has established an *ad hoc* Task Force comprising Panel members, external experts and EFSA staff to assess the statistical methodologies as applied by Seralini *et al* and to perform any additional statistical analysis, as appropriate, for the GMO Panel's consideration. Member States were asked to provide any analysis and comments on the 90-day study and its statistical analysis that may contribute to consideration of this issue.

Attached I am sending you for your consideration the comprehensive report of the Task Force entitled: "EFSA Review of Statistical Analyses Conducted for the Assessment of the MON 863 90-Day Rat Feeding Study" which was finalised last week. Subsequently the GMO Panel has carefully evaluated the report and adopted a Statement on 25th June. The Panel's Statement is also attached to this letter.

EFSA will publish the Panel Statement and Task Force Report tomorrow, Wednesday 27th June at 14:00 hours. Consequently the Statement and Report are under embargo until 14:00 tomorrow.

Yours sincerely,

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