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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Information on the Regulatory Status of NBTs [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 19 January 2015 3:48 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Information on the Regulatory Status of NBTs [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear [REDACTED]

There are no new developments to report regarding regulatory situation for plants derived through NBTs in Australia. Therefore, as previously indicated, the published report from the European Commission Joint Research Centre NPBT meeting in Seville in 2011 still provides a reasonable reflection of the Australian situation.

However, in relation to food regulation, the Australian food regulatory agency (Food Standards Australia New Zealand; FSANZ) held workshops in 2012 and 2013 to consider food derived from such plants. The purpose of these workshops was to enhance FSANZ's scientific knowledge and understanding a number of NBTs, and to discuss related scientific, technical and regulatory issues. The reports from these workshops may be of interest to you, and can be found on the FSANZ website, at <http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/consumer/gmfood/Pages/New-plant-breeding-techniques-in-the-spotlight.aspx>.

Has the NBT Platform finalised a report on the international regulatory situation for NBTs? If so is it available publically, or are you able to share it with us? As you note, it is useful to understand the approach of other countries when considering local positions.

Regards

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, 17 January 2015 1:17 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Information on the Regulatory Status of NBTs [SEC=No Protective Marking]

Dear Sir,

My name is Christophe Derrien, and I am contacting you on behalf of Mr Edwin Hecker, the Chairman of the 'New Breeding Techniques (NBT) Platform'. The NBT Platform is a coalition of SMEs, large industry representatives and members of prominent academic and research institutes which strives to bring clarity to the European debate on plant new breeding techniques.

We contacted you in early 2013 in order to collect information on Australia's domestic policie(s) and/or legislation(s) targeting at NBTs. We are getting in touch with you again to ask you whether you could report to us any possible new developments on that subject.

As you may be aware, the European Commission is in the process of forming an official position with regards to regulating NBTs. We know by experience that the European Union usually takes account of policies in third countries when adopting its own position (and 'vice versa'). We therefore strive to gather any relevant information on non-EU countries legislations on that subject.

In case you are not following this particular topic, could you please direct me to one of your colleagues.

Thanking you in advance for your collaboration, I remain at your disposal in case you require any precisions concerning the above request or the NBT Platform activities.

Best regards,

**Christophe Derrien**  
*On behalf of Edwin Hecker,*  
*Chairman of the NBT Platform*

The NBT Platform is a coalition of SMEs, large industry representatives and members of prominent academic and research institutes which strives to bring clarity to the European debate on NBTs. Its aim is to provide policy makers and stakeholders with clear and precise information on NBTs and to generate awareness about their widespread benefits for the European economy and society as a whole. NBT Platform Secretariat, Rue Belliard 199, bte 22, 1040 Brussels, T: +32-2-5022008, [info@nbtplatform.org](mailto:info@nbtplatform.org)

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