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**Information on international trade in chemicals from the European Union**

Dear Mr Kenmore,

Replying to your request for submission of information relating to a proposal for a severely hazardous pesticide formulation that will be discussed at the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Chemical Review Committee, I would like to provide you with the following information:

The placing on the EU-market of paraquat containing plant protection products, pursuant to Council Directive 91/414/EEC of 15 July 1991 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, is not authorised anymore. Indeed, paraquat has ceased to be included in Annex I to the above Directive since Commission Directive 2003/112/EC amending Council Directive 91/414/EEC to include paraquat as an active substance was annulled by the Court of First Instance of the European Union in its judgement on case T-229/04 on 11 July 2007.

In addition the following documents are attached to this letter:

European Commission Review Report for paraquat (2003)

Opinion of the Scientific Committee on Plants (2001)

Commission Directive 2003/112/EC

Court judgement T-229/04 annulling Commission Directive 2003/112/EC

European Food Safety Authority Scientific Report 1560 (2010)

I would like to inform you that you may get further information from us shortly.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Yours sincerely,



JÜRGEN HELBIG