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Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

**Subject: Foodwatch online action for clear and uniform labelling of genetic engineering**

I thank you for the mails sent to Commissioner Vella in the context of the petition related to labelling of genetically modified organisms. I have been asked to reply on his behalf.

Once again, I would refer you to the Commission's reply to this petition, dated 9 December 2013<sup>1</sup>, as well as to the Commission's reply to your open letter countering the latter, dated 14 April 2014<sup>2</sup>. With respect to the issue of GM free labelling, I inform you that the study referred to in the letter of 9 December 2013 was published on the website of the Directorate for Health and Food Safety on 17 July 2015<sup>3</sup>.

I kindly invite you to forward this letter and previous ones in relation to the petition to the petitioners having sent letters to Commissioner Vella, and to make the full correspondence also publicly available on the website of Foodwatch online action, so that future petitioners are aware of the answer of the European Commission on the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> Ref. Ares(2013)3675003

<sup>2</sup> Ref. Ares(2014)1180058

<sup>3</sup> [http://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/gmo/new/traceability\\_labelling/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/gmo/new/traceability_labelling/index_en.htm)