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**Subject: Request for an EFSA opinion on genetically modified organisms engineered with gene drives (gene drive modified organisms) and their implications for risk assessment methodologies**

**Acknowledgement of receipt**

Ref.: *SANTE letter dated 06/06/2018 – EFSA REF. IC-2018-19456136 of 06/06/2018*

Dear Mr Prats-Monné,

I hereby confirm receipt, on 6 June 2018, of your letter dated 6 June 2018 (Ares(2018)2953435) requesting EFSA to develop *an opinion on genetically modified organisms engineered with gene drives (gene drive modified organisms) and their implications for risk assessment methodologies*.

To address this request, EFSA will establish a GMO Panel working group consisting of experts specialised in the field.

EFSA aims at finalising the output in response to this mandate by March 2020.

Yours sincerely,



Bernhard Url

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