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**Sent:** 18 May 2015 14:50  
**To:** [4.1 (b)] (TRADE)  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Updated study on NBT regulation outside the EU

Dear [4.1 (b)]

I am contacting you on behalf of the NBT Platform, 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 New plant Breeding Techniques (NBTs) and provide clear and independent science-based information on the techniques, their benefits and necessity.

In 2013 we (Schuttelaar & Partners, the Secretariat of the NBT Platform) conducted a study into the regulatory status of NBTs in 13 relevant countries outside the EU, in order to provide insight into convergent/divergent regulatory frameworks dealing with these techniques. Due to several requests from stakeholders, including EU and National public authorities, we have spent the last months re-establishing contact with the Competent Authorities in these countries to update the study and provide an overview of the current status and recent developments on the subject.

We would like to request a meeting with you and/or other colleagues dealing with this subject, in order to present the updated study and share the information that we have gathered. We believe that the study provides relevant insights into the international developments with regards to regulation of NBTs, which could be of particular interest to you and your colleagues. We have already presented the updated study to Mr MIKO of DG SANTE. Preferably, we would like to combine the meeting with interested representatives from DG SANTE and DG AGRI.

If you would be interested in meeting with us please let me know so we can pick a suitable date.

I remain at your disposal should you have any questions or remarks.

Best regards, vriendelijke groet,  
*On behalf of the Platform's Chairman [4.1 (b)] and the Secretariat,*

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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 New plant Breeding Techniques. 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)