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Dear Stephen

**REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON ROUNDUP READY SOYA BEAN
EVENT 40-3-2**

Further to our telephone conversation yesterday I am writing to confirm the outcome of the Food Standards Agency's discussions with its advisory committees (ACNFP and ACAF) regarding the further data you kindly supplied in response to my letter of 1 June.

In order to complete their safety assessments, our Committees would like to see bioinformatics data on the target regions without the inserts. This would address the question of whether or not these regions encode a protein in the parent soya bean. In addition, they would also like to see experimental data to confirm the results of the previous bioinformatics study. This would involve identifying any proteins encoded either side of the 72bp sequence, and determining whether or not this region of DNA is transcribed. With the availability of sequence data flanking the 72bp insert it should be possible to use Northern blots or RT-PCR, with appropriate controls, to address this point.

Please contact me if you wish to discuss any of these details further.

Yours sincerely

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