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Dear Dr Wallace,

Subject: Genetically modified fruit flies

Thank you for your letter of 29 April 2014 to Commissioner Borg expressing your concerns regarding imports of genetically modified insects in fruit. The Commissioner has asked that I, as head of the unit responsible for issues related to GMOs, respond to you on his behalf.

I am sure that you are aware that it is the responsibility of the Member States to ensure that they have the necessary control measures in place to ensure that imports they receive conform to EU Regulations. I have however taken the action of requesting further information from the relevant Brazilian authorities as how they intend to ensure that this unauthorised GM insect is not exported to the EU via Brazilian fruit.

Yours sincerely,

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