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Dear Ms. Lucas,

Thank you for your letter of 30 September 2009 regarding cloning of animals for food supply and the Novel Food Regulation.

As you are aware, the Council reached a political agreement on the revision of the existing Novel Food Regulation in June and intends to adopt a common position in an upcoming Council meeting in order to transmit its position to the European Parliament.

The political agreement of the Council includes a provision which commits the Commission to present a report, within a year after the entry into force of the Novel Foods Regulation, on all aspects of cloning of animals for food supply accompanied by legislative measures if appropriate. During the second reading, the European Parliament may take position on such a provision.

As a result, the Commission cannot commit itself at this stage to proposing a moratorium to ban food from cloned animals and their offspring.

Yours sincerely,



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