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Hi Leigh – yes it was a shame you did drop out as it would have been good to have your contribution to the labelling discussion, although we didn't spend too much time on that and it kind of morphed into a more general discussion about some of the negative impacts of GM labelling. However, yes, we talked about some of the different NBTs considered to be captured under the standard and whether they would be subject to labelling. From memory I talked about gene editing when used for targeted gene addition and cisgenesis/intragenesis – essentially no different to transgenesis, so the products would certainly be subject to labelling. I also corrected this idea that a food derived from a GM rootstock wouldn't have to be labelled, because of course it could have altered characteristics, irrespective of whether it contains novel DNA.

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From: Henderson, Leigh
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Hi

Congratulations on yesterday's workshop – I thought it went well, and will be interesting to see what appetite there is to take the bigger issue forward. Certainly both MfE and MPI expressed an interest in involvement in any further considerations.

I'm sorry I dropped out early. I got cut off and when I tried to log back in I couldn't hear you and thought it would be too disruptive to get it all set up again.

However when I left you had just started to discuss labelling of NBTs which were considered to require pre-approvals and I would have liked to participate in that discussion. As I pointed out earlier in the meeting my understanding is that NBTs would not necessarily be exempt from labelling as they would not meet the specific criteria for exemptions under 1.5.2-4. Is that how the discussion went?

Kind regards

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