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To:

Members of the European Parliament

Brussels, 01 June 2026

Re: EU Regulation for Plants derived from New Genomic Techniques

Dear Members of the European Parliament,

The undersigned agri-food value chain partners strongly support the adoption of the proposal for a new Regulation on plants produced by certain new genomic techniques (NGT) as agreed with the trilogue compromise text of December 2025 and without any further amendments.

A proper EU legal framework for NGT plants is urgently needed to strengthen the competitiveness and resilience of the European agricultural and food supply systems in view of sustainability and climate change. The EU needs more and faster breeding progress that supports sustainable and resilient value creation and international competitiveness, not least by addressing the growing challenges of increasing pest pressure, climate volatility and consequent market uncertainties. It is also imperative that the EU aligns with the legislative developments and ongoing practice of the ever-increasing number of third countries across the globe to assure the continued flow of agri-food products from and to the European Union.

The core spirit of the proposal therefore aims at differentiating conventional-like NGT plants and products (Category 1) that are equivalent to conventional plants, and therefore should be treated accordingly, from those that will continue to be regulated as GMOs. Category 1 NGT plants feature modifications that are indistinguishable from those bred with conventional methods and consequently, following verification, fall under the existing regulatory provisions for the marketing authorisation of new plant varieties and seed. This principle is crucial for the workability of the system for the entire agri-food value chain and for all its operators.

Following intensive discussions and negotiations, the Council and the European Parliament negotiators agreed on a compromise text that assures transparency for conventional-like NGT1 seeds for farmers and growers through seed bag labelling while safeguarding practical feasibility and economic viability for subsequent operators. Negotiators also agreed on provisions that balance the need for appropriate protection of intellectual property rights while safeguarding broadest possible access to such innovations for all, at fair, reasonable and non-discriminatory conditions.

The undersigned European agri-food chain organisations consider the agreement reached in trilogue to provide an appropriately balanced and workable solution and the best achievable outcome at this stage. It supports transparent innovation, assures broad access and use under fair conditions, and strengthens breeders' and farmers' toolboxes, directly supporting food security, sustainability, and the EU's agri-food chain international competitiveness and alignment. We reject any amendments to this carefully-balanced compromise as this would halt the practical implementation and prevent Europe from finally catching-up and aligning with the rest of the world in this important area.

We therefore strongly urge Members of the European Parliament to support the adoption of the trilogue compromise text and reject any proposals for amendments to it in the upcoming votes of Environment Committee and plenary.

Yours faithfully,

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