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Dear Mr Heijnen,

Thank you for your letter of 7 July 2004 relating to the application of Directive 2000/13/EC, as amended by Directive 2003/89/EC.

I can confirm that the Commission's services could share your view and suggestion, regarding the labelling exemption of downstream uses of raw material which would have been exempted, on condition that the EFSA opinion on this raw material would not contain any element likely to oppose that view.

This interpretation does not prejudice any decision by the Court of Justice, which alone is competent to hand down legally binding rulings on the validity and interpretation of acts adopted by the Community institutions.

Yours sincerely,

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