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E3 - Chemicals, contaminants, pesticides

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Subject: Supplementary reply on the presence of morpholine and other amines on fruits

Dear Mr Rosseneu,

As a follow-up of information we have received very recently on a possible usage of other products than morpholine as carriers in waxes used as glazing agents for fruits, we would like to clarify, in addition to our previous letter of 20 October 2010, the following:

Amines like:

N-Dimethylethanolamine

N-Diethylethanolamine,

Aminomethylpropanol,

Methoxypropylamine,

Monoethanolamine,

Diethanolamine

Triethanolamine

and any other product not listed in Annex V of Directive 95/2/EC used as carrier for waxes for surface treatment of all fruits are not authorised.

Consequently, they are not to be used for this function and can also not be used as a replacement for morpholine. A transitional period, as in the case of morpholine for fruits which are to be peeled, is not foreseen. We will inform Member States accordingly. May I ask you to inform your members without delay.

I thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely



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