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Subject: Reply of Bulgarian Ministry of Environment and Water to **Notification 2019-031**

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Dear Dr Paşca Palmer,

Regarding the information requested in Notification 2019-031 I would like to inform you that Bulgaria has not used the voluntary Guidance on the Assessment of Socio-Economic Considerations in the Context of Article 26 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety due to the national policy for restriction of spread of LMO in the country.

Please accept, Madam, the assurance of my highest consideration.

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