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Subject: Irregular product from the operator GECO LTD (Kazakhstan)

On 19 December 2014, the European Commission forwarded to all Member States a communication from Denmark notifying the placing on the European market of products, originating from the firm GECO LTD (Kazakhstan), contaminated by glyphosate. The Danish communication included also the name of an Italian buyer, the company "Molino Grassi SpA".

In this regard, the Italian Control Body CCPB informed us that the entire consignment of wheat was downgraded to conventional by the same Italian company "Molino Grassi SpA" as a result of analysis carried out through its self-control system.

We take the opportunity of this communication to highlight that Italy, with the note no. 15479 of 03 March 2014, had already reported the Kazakh company GECO LTD among those operators at high risk in the light of the criminal investigations undertaken by the "Vertical Bio" operation on irregular products imported from third countries.

Unfortunately, despite the exchange of information and the application, operated by Italy, of special control and prevention measures on products imported from third countries, we have to remark that irregular product from the firm GECO LTD was released for free circulation within the EU, reaching however Italy.

Having said this, it is our hope that, in addition to the profitable exchange of information taking regularly place in the RCOP and through the OFIS system, a centralized management for cases with greater risk at international dimension might be put in place: a management foreseeing the application of measures shared and harmonized among the different Member States, so to prevent the recurrence of serious irregularities that damage the whole European market of organic products.

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