



Dr. Barry O'Reilly
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Department of Agriculture National Crop Variety Testing Centre
Backweston
Leixlip, Co. Kildare

By fax to (01) 628 0634

10 September 2004

Re. Request for list of stakeholders invited to consult on GM co-existence

Dear Dr. O'Reilly,

Thank you for inviting representatives of the GM-free Ireland Network to meet with you on 23 September.

We welcome this opportunity to share our concerns and assist you in developing proposals for a national strategy and best practices on GM co-existence in the best interests of Irish farmers, food producers, consumers and the environment.

The GM-free Ireland Network is an association of farming organisations, food producers and distributors, restaurants, chefs, NGOs, journalists, and consumers – including 34 organisations and companies. Our input for the meeting will be informed by the expertise of the Independent Science Panel on GM, the European NGO Network on Genetic Engineering, the European Network of GMO-free regions, the Assembly of European Regions, Greenpeace Europe, and Friends of the Earth Europe.

In order to assist you most effectively, we would like to liaise with the other stakeholder groups which you have invited – prior to our meeting with you – so as to be informed of their positions, and thus avoid duplication of input and wasting your time and resources.

It would therefore be extraordinarily helpful if you would be so kind as to let me have a list of the other stakeholders with whom you have already met or are planning to meet, with their contact names, phone, fax and email addresses.

Please email this list to me if possible today at mail@gmfreeireland.org

I look forward to meeting you on the 23d.

Yours truly

Michael O'Callaghan
Co-ordinator
GM-free Ireland Network

Chairman
Global Vision Consulting Ltd

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael O'Callaghan". The signature is stylized and written over a horizontal line.