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Subject: BTO: meeting with Amazon - 17 April 2018: date marking and food waste prevention

Dear [REDACTED],

[REDACTED] and I met with [REDACTED] of Amazon, at their request, on 17 April 2018 to discuss issues relating to date marking and food waste prevention. Unfortunately, due to an oversight, we have omitted to prepare a BTO following this meeting.

Here below you will find a brief summary of the content of our discussions, which covered the following topics:

- Amazon's view on the date marking in the context of waste avoidance strategies
- the role of heterogeneous temperature requirements across the food supply chain and
- alternative ways of providing mandatory food information in the context of eCommerce food sales.

In relation to food waste, SANTE explained its overall work and actions related to food waste prevention. On the issue of date marking and food waste prevention, SANTE pointed to the study carried out by the European Commission, published in February 2018, which estimates that up to 10% of the 88 million tonnes of food waste generated annually in the EU are linked to date marking. Furthermore, it was explained that the Commission is considering possible options to simplify date marking on foodstuffs and promote better understanding and use of date marking by all actors concerned. In the context of the EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste, a dedicated sub-group of on date marking has been established to discuss possible options and guide all work in this area involving all actors concerned, with the first meeting to take place on 20 April 2018.

In relation to e-commerce, SANTE explained the provisions of Article 14 of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 on the mandatory food information which has to be provided before the purchase is concluded (i.e. at the moment the consumer is ordering the food) and at the moment of delivery.

With kind regards,

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