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To the voluntary schemes that have been recognised by the Commission for demonstrating compliance with the sustainability criteria for biofuels

**Subject: Recognition of the Commission of the voluntary scheme "Red Tractor Farm Assurance Combinable Crops & Sugar Beet"**

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Commission Decision recognising the voluntary scheme "Red Tractor Farm Assurance Combinable Crops & Sugar Beet Scheme" for demonstrating compliance of biofuels with the EU sustainability criteria (2012/395/EU) expired on 6 August 2017. The scheme has applied for an extension of the recognition but the procedure has not yet been completed.

Given the special situation of the "Red Tractor Farm Assurance Combinable Crops & Sugar Beet Scheme" and in view to avoid disruptions in the trade of agricultural commodities, it is advisable for the recognised voluntary schemes to continue accepting evidence from the "Red Tractor Farm Assurance Combinable Crops & Sugar Beet Scheme" for another 3 months in addition to the extension granted in my letter of 25 August 2017. As a consequence other voluntary scheme can continue to accept evidence from the "Red Tractor Farm Assurance Combinable Crops & Sugar Beet Scheme" until 6 February 2018.

Thank you in advance for the collaboration.

Yours sincerely,

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