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Dear Dr. Lentz,

Thank you for your interest in the draft report on the carcinogenic classification of tetrahydrofuran, which was made public in June 2012 by the Subcommittee on the Classification of Carcinogenic Substances of the Dutch Expert Committee on Occupational Safety (DECOS) of the Health Council. The subcommittee has taken your comments into consideration.

On behalf of the President of the Health Council, I would like to inform you that your suggestion to include in the advisory report data on furfural (a precursor in the synthesis of tetrahydrofuran) is not adopted by the committee. The reason for this is that in 1995, IARC published a review, including the data to which you referred to. IARC concluded that the substance should be classified in Group 3, which means that there is (only) limited evidence in experimental animals for the carcinogenicity of furfural.

Your suggestions for editorial corrections are adapted in the text.

The final version was published in November 2012. Enclosed you will find copy of it.

Sincerely yours,

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