Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Grain store S/3566/17/FL

Thank you for your correspondence 7th March. In line with the guidance in your letter, I would like to comment on the amendment to the Grain store application S/3566/17/FL. Unfortunately the website is not allowing commentary despite being within the 14 day guidance. Could you therefore add the below/attached commentary to the application please.

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