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Dear Ms. Sharratt,

Thank you for your letter of June 22, 2018, regarding the detection of unauthorised GM herbicide tolerant wheat plants and Health Canada's health risk assessment of this situation.

Enforcement of the *Food and Drug Regulations*, including compliance with Division 28, is the responsibility of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA). As part of the inspection activities related to the detection of these unauthorised GM wheat plants, the Agency requested a health risk assessment from Health Canada. The focus of the health risk assessment is on potential health effects that could occur following limited (acute) exposure only; and is neither a full pre-market safety assessment, nor an authorisation of this wheat variety. While the Government of Canada's past experience with other GM crops was used to inform our health risk assessment, the novel food pre-market safety assessment approach implemented under Division 28 remains unchanged.

For more information about the CFIA's inspection activities related to the finding of this unauthorised GM wheat, we suggest that you contact the Agency directly.

Thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely,

Karen McIntyre
Director General, Food Directorate