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Subject: FW: France: Parkinson's disease
Attachments: FW: Script Europe1; RE: Script Europe1

Dave

Although I do not think that this in itself is a serious threat to Syngenta, it is an example of what I have been saying is almost certain to happen. That is, that we shall be threatened with litigation(likely in the USA) because of the epidemiology that shows an increase in Parkinson's disease in agricultural workers and the increasing evidence that PQ causes depletion of neuronal cells in the substantia nigra of rats (and probable non human primates). I had arranged to have a lawyer involved in this issue but I know he has been moved and a new lawyer will deal with this but only if stimulated. I am unclear what my role is on PQ issues. I really think this is part of a bigger problem of governance in R and D which needs to be resolved. I introduced a barrister who is familiar with governance issues to the RDLT a year ago but it was not decided whether you wanted me to ask him to help to get this issue addressed and try to come to some conclusions or recommendations. I think this is a cross functional issue so you could choose to ask a functional leader to do this but he shall have to be prepared to look objectively at his own function as well as others. Anyway, a review will only happen if you want it to, but it would be helpful for me if you could let me know how you want to ascribe responsibilities and accountabilities for the Parkinson's issue so that we are clear who does what for whom.

Lewis

From: Elliott Barry GBAP
Sent: 05 October 2006 14:20
To: Smith Lewis GBAP
Cc: Bembridge John GBU
Subject: France: Parkinson's disease

Lewis,

To appraise you a development in France. A tribunal in France has ruled that Parkinson's disease in an agricultural worker who has worked with pesticides can be considered an occupational illness. The main relevant memos are below.

I have not heard a reply from Kesper Juergen (re my memo below).

Barry