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Dear John,

Request to extend time allowed to release *Epichloë* strains

This letter is to advise you that your request for a time limit extension on APP201774 to import and release *Epichloë* (*Epichloë/Neotyphodium* spp.) fungal endophytes that have been isolated from wild relatives of modern cereals has been approved.

On 9 October 2018 you advised the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) that not all of the *Epichloë* strains applied for had been released. You requested an extension on the five year time limit to release the strains not-yet-release under this approval (APP201774).

Under section 38(3)(b) of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (HSNO) Act 1996 the EPA may, following an application by any person, extend the time limit for a further period of up to five years.

On 20 November 2018 a sub-Committee of the HSNO Committee approved the extension of the time limit on the approval for Application APP201774 for a further five years. The Committee agreed that the original assessment of risks, costs and benefits still applies and the approval to release the not-yet-released *Epichloë* strains has been extended until 21 April 2024.

Yours sincerely,



Environmental
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Te Mana Rauhi Taiao

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