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September 24, 2014

Ms. Lorelei Kowalski
Director, Committee Management Secretariat
General Services Administration
1275 1st Street, N.E.
Sixth Floor
Washington, D.C. 20417

Dear Director Kowalski:

Pursuant to Section 9(c) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. II, attached please find the charter for the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission's (CFTC) reestablishment of the Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC). Angel Saumure of the Committee Management Secretariat has reviewed and concurred with this charter. The CFTC has filed the charter with the Secretary of the CFTC, who maintains records on behalf of the CFTC; the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; the House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture; and the Library of Congress. Copies of the letters filed with both houses of Congress are also attached and provide the filing dates for these letters and thus the AAC's reestablishment date as required by the FACA's implementing regulations, 41 C.F.R. § 102-3.70(a)(2),(a)(4).

Should you wish to obtain additional information or have any questions about the AAC, please contact me, at 202-418-5774 or Michelle Ghim, the agency's Assistant Committee Management Officer, at 202-418-5667. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Heather C. Gottry
Deputy General Counsel for General Law &
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Attachments

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Chairman, House Committee on Agriculture
1301 Longworth House Office Building
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