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HarvXtra Alfalfa™ with Roundup Ready® Technology: 2017 Limitations on Use in Canada

TO: Farmers, Agricultural Retailers, Seed Companies, and Other Interested Stakeholders in Western Canada (Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan)

HarvXtra™ alfalfa with Roundup Ready® Technology is an elite alfalfa containing both a reduced-lignin trait (HarvXtra™) and the Roundup Ready® trait. For the 2017 planting season, seed of HarvXtra™ alfalfa with Roundup Ready® Technology is for sale and planting only in eastern Canada (provinces of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland). This decision to commercialize genetically enhanced (GE) alfalfa traits is confined to the sale of seed for hay production in eastern Canada. Companies would not be permitted to undertake any Genuity® Roundup Ready® alfalfa or HarvXtra™ alfalfa with Roundup Ready® Technology seed production in Canada. All seed production would take place only in the U.S. Forage Genetics International (FGI) has no plans to introduce seed production of GE alfalfa into eastern or western Canada at this time. FGI will NOT license any HarvXtra™ Alfalfa with Roundup Ready® Technology to be grown within western Canada, nor will FGI allow any authorized Dealer to sell seed for planting in Western Canada.

Any sale of HarvXtra™ Alfalfa with Roundup Ready® Technology for hay in eastern Canada requires that all participating growers agree to the terms and conditions of Monsanto's Technology Stewardship Agreements (TSA). This agreement, along with the Technology Use Guide (TUG), clearly states the responsibilities that each grower must follow for the proper use of the technology, including guidance on co-existence with both conventional and organic alfalfa hay producers. Additional information on alfalfa coexistence can be found at cdnseed.org ("2016 Coexistence Plan for Alfalfa Hay in Western Canada"). FGI will take corrective action if any grower violation of the terms of the TSA and/or TUG agreements are detected.

FGI is responsible for any final decisions about future commercial introduction plans for GE alfalfa traits in Canada (for hay only). Through dialogue and consultation with farmers, seed producers, seed marketers, and other interested stakeholders, FGI has and will continue to clearly communicate that we will not make any decision to bring GE alfalfa traits (for hay production only) to Western Canada without broad agreement with key stakeholders.

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