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Translation

Your letter to Mr. Marian Wendt, the Chairman of the Petitions Committee in the German Bundestag, dated 21 April 2020

Dear Ms. Weber,

Thank you very much for your letter dated 21 April 2020 addressed to Mr. Marian Wendt, the Chairman of the Petitions Committee in the German Bundestag. Mr Wendt asked the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture to reply to you directly, which I am happy to do.

Firstly, I would like to apologise for the delay in replying to your letter.

I agree that we are living in extraordinary times and that we can only rise to these challenges together. We are working on this.

In order to ensure occupational health and safety during this coronavirus pandemic – including that of seasonal workers from abroad who work on farms – the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture published an action paper on 2 April 2020. Since then, the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture has also held talks with representatives of the Romanian government. Violeta Alexandru, the Romanian Minister of Labour and Social Protection, also had the opportunity for discussions with Julia Klöckner, the German Federal Minister of Food and Agriculture, and her German counterpart Hubertus Heil, the German Federal Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, and was able to get an idea of the current situation in Germany.

During these talks, it was emphasised that the regulations on occupational health and safety as well as company infection controls apply uniformly to all workers in Germany, no matter where they are from or what their nationality is.

For detailed information on conditions as well as answers to your questions, I would therefore like to refer you to the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture's action paper, which has since been developed further and which I am enclosing for you. Additionally, the Social Insurance for Agriculture, Forestry and Horticulture, which is responsible for occupational health and safety in agricultural holdings in Germany, has published complementary measures. I am also enclosing these for your information. There is also a Romanian version, which is available at www.svlfg.de/corona-saisonarbeit.

Our federal system means that the individual federal state authorities for occupational health and safety are responsible for monitoring compliance with these regulations.

Yours sincerely,