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**Subject: Your confirmatory application for access to documents under
Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 - GESTDEM 2022/4517**

Dear Mr. Finan,

I refer to your e-mail of 13 October 2022, registered on 14 October 2022, by which you submit a confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents¹ (hereafter ‘Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001’).

Your confirmatory application was submitted in relation to your initial application of 5 August 2022 in which you requested, I quote:

‘All documents, whenever created, related to the changes to the EU Novel Food Catalogue entries for cannabidiol and cannabinoids in or around January 2019, including but not limited to meeting agendas, meeting minutes, letters, email communications or other correspondence, submissions, reports, etc. In particular (but not limited to), - minutes of meetings of the Working Group on Novel Foods related to cannabidiol and cannabinoid from 2018 and 2019; and - records of Member State discussions, draft proposals, comments on proposals, and Member State

¹ OJ L 145 of 31.5.2001, p. 43.

submissions on proposals relevant to meetings of the Working Group on Novel Foods in 2018 and 2019.'

The initial request was assigned to the Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety. As you did not receive an initial reply from that Directorate-General within the statutory time limits, you submitted a confirmatory application on 13 October 2022.

In the meantime, the initial reply in question was sent to you on 17 October 2022 (registered under reference number Ares(2022)7154659).

Against this background, the Secretariat-General will close your confirmatory application related to the lack of initial reply.

You remain entitled to submit a new confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, should you wish to request a review of the initial reply of 17 October 2022.

Yours sincerely,

María Oliván Avilés
Head of Unit