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Dear Mr. Hoedeman,

Thank you for your email of 17 April 2014, providing some clarifications regarding your original request of 18 March 2014 (registered on the same date under GESTDEM number 2014/1683). You specified that your original request for

- a list of meetings between DG MARKT and representatives of "industry" between January 1st 2013 and today;
- minutes and reports of these meetings;
- all correspondence between DG MARKT and representatives of "industry" between January 1st 2013 and today.

is limited to Directorates F, G and H of DG MARKT.

I apologize for the time taken in answering your request due to the need to evaluate the scope and the content of your mail of 17 April 2014. Please note that the deadline of 15 working days began to run from this date.

Firstly, regarding the first part of your request, relating to a list of meetings between representatives of our Directorate-General and "industry" representatives for Directorates F, G and H, no such document exists at present because our archives are not compiled on that basis. We have started to prepare a list of meetings in order to accommodate your information request.

Officials in the Commission's Directorate-General for Internal Market and Services have many meetings with representatives of what you refer to as the "financial industry". They also hold regular formal and less formal meetings with other stakeholders, including consumers and investors, as well as federations and other relevant associations.

In order to respond to your request in an appropriate and proportionate manner, we will draw up a list of meetings involving the Management of the Directorate-General and representatives of the financial sector since the beginning of 2013 for Directorates F, G and H. We believe this can be prepared by the end of June, but this period might be extended if necessary.

Secondly, once the list of meetings has been compiled, we will consider what minutes can be made available in accordance with data protection and other relevant rules.

This process will take some time and we will therefore not be able to respond within the timeframe specified in Article 7, paragraph 1 of Regulation 1049/2001. We hope to be able to answer your request by the end of July.

Thirdly, on the third point of your application relating to correspondence between Directorates F, G and H of DG MARKT and "industry" representatives, I refer to the email sent to you on 27 March 2014.

In this email, we invited you, "pursuant to Article 6(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, to provide us with more detailed information on the documents which you seek to obtain. Your request should mention a specific file in our Directorate-General and/or identify the individual companies, including lobby consultancies and law firms, and/or industry associations for which you wish to have access to documents".

Your request concerns half of the Directorate-General; it is likely to involve thousands of documents. Each of these documents would need to be individually assessed in order to decide whether and to what extent it could be disclosed. For many of them we would need to consult third parties on a potential disclosure. I look forward to your response to our email of 27 March 2014 specifying the unit, file, documents and / or organizations involved in your application.

Yours sincerely,



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