EUROPEAN COMMISSION

DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Directorate R. Management of resources **Director**

Brussels, R/GH/R.6/VA D(2015) 1297735

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 1038/2015

Dear Madam,

We refer to your e-mail dated 18/02/2015 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 18/02/2015 under the above mentioned reference number.

We identified one document and we enclose a copy of it – the invitation to Commissioner Phil Hogan from COPA COGECA for the meeting on 4 December 2014.

As the meeting was mainly a courtesy visit for COPA-COGECA representatives to meet the Commissioner, no minutes or list of participants have been recorded.

Please note that the document disclosed was received by the Commission from COPA COGECA. It is disclosed for information only and cannot be re-used without the agreement of the originator, who may hold a copyright on it. It does not reflect the position of the Commission and cannot be quoted as such.

The document contains personal data Pursuant to Article 4(1) (b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access to a document has to be refused if its disclosure would undermine the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual, in particular in accordance with Community legislation regarding the protection of personal data. The applicable legislation in this field is Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data1.

When access is requested to documents containing personal data, Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 becomes fully applicable2. According to Article 8(b) of this Regulation, personal data shall only be transferred to recipients if they establish the necessity of having the data transferred to them and if there is no reason to assume that the legitimate rights of the persons concerned might be prejudiced.

We consider that, with the information available, the necessity of disclosing the aforementioned personal data to you has not been established and that it cannot be assumed

¹ OJ L 8 of 12.1.2001, p. 1

² Judgment of the Court of Justice of the EU of 29 June 2010 in case 28/08 P, Commission/The Bavarian Lager Co. Ltd, not yet reported

that such disclosure would not prejudice the legitimate rights of the persons concerned. Therefore, we are disclosing the documents requested expunged from this personal data.

If you wish to receive these personal data, we invite you to provide us with arguments showing the need for having these personal data transferred to you and the absence of adverse effects to the legitimate rights of the persons whose personal data should be disclosed.

In case you would disagree with the assessment that the expunged data are personal data which can only be disclosed if such disclosure is legitimate under the rules of personal data protection, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

Such a confirmatory application should be addressed within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

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Yours faithfully,

Georg HAEUSLER

Annex: 1