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Mr Lucas Fourquet

By e-mail: <u>ask+request-1930-3d20b0c2@asktheeu.org</u>

Dear Sir,

Subject: Your application for access to documents - Ref GestDem No 2015 - 2332

We refer to your e-mail dated 21/04/2015 and registered under the above mentioned reference number in which you make a request for access to documents:

"On the topic of flame retardants (retardateurs de flamme), all correspondence (including emails), the list of meetings with detailed minutes and any other reports of such meetings between DG Environment officials and representatives of the following organisations for the time period January 2013-Now:

- -CEFIC
- -EFRA European Flame Retardants Association
- -ACFSE, Alliance for Consumer Fire Safety in Europe
- -GFTI (Groupement Français Technique contre Incendie)
- -BSEF (Bromine Science and Environnemental Forum
- -Association des Grands Brûlés de France
- -EBCA (European Burn Casualties Association)
- -Fire Safety Platform
- -Burson-Marsteller
- -Albemarle
- -Chemtura
- -ICL INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS
- -Tosoh Corporation
- -BASF SE
- -Great Lakes Solutions
- -Total Petrochemicals"

The description given in your application does not enable us to identify with certainty concrete documents which would correspond to your request. In fact, the number of possible substances (flame retardants) is quite high and it is important to know which

substances your application deals with. Moreover, more than one legal act is involved and the period concerned is quite large.

We therefore invite 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, in particular the names of the concerned substances and the possible period during which the documents would have been produced. In addition, we would appreciate if you could reduce the time period of your request, due to the magnitude of documents should be examined.

If you need assistance in clarifying or specifying your application, you can contact us by email to: ENV-CARACAL@ec.europa.eu

The 15 working days' time limit for handling your application will start running when we receive the requested clarifications.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Yours faithfully,

Bjorn Hansen Head of Unit