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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

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Brussels,
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Dear Mr Harmsen,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2016/1133

We refer to your email dated 4 March 2016 in which you made the requests for access to documents registered on 8 March 2016 under the reference number GestDem No 2016/1133.

We have searched in our files and identified several documents. However, as your request involves a high number of documents which need to be assessed individually, we will not be in a position to complete processing your request within the extended time limit.

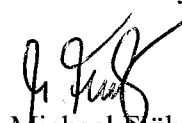
Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 provides for a possibility to confer with applicants in order to find a fair solution when an application concerns a very large number of documents. In fact, Article 6(3) provides that “in the event of an application relating to a very long document or to a very large number of documents, the institution concerned may confer with the applicant informally, with a view to finding a fair solution”.

On the basis of this provision, we propose to extend the deadline by 20 working days. The new deadline would be 26 May 2016. If you accept this proposal, we will send you by that date the documents which have been cleared for release or a reasoned reply explaining why some documents cannot be disclosed.

If you have any questions concerning this proposal, please contact us at the following e-mail address: sante-consult-e4@ec.europa.eu.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Yours faithfully,



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