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Dear Mr Wetzels,

Subject: Holding reply - Your application for access to documents - Ref GestDem No 2016/6310

We refer to your request for access to documents dated 31 October 2016. The part of your request asking for access to "any study, impact assessment, forecast, paper or other document - commissioned or authored by any part of the European Commission or received from third parties (lobby group, NGO, academic, consultant, or other) - that assesses the impact of gmo food-labelling on the EU food industries in any particular member state(s) - especially in reference to and in the context of the TTIP negotiations" was registered under the reference number GestDem 2016/6310 and assigned to the Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety on 9 November 2016.

This part of your application is currently being handled. However, we will not be in a position to complete the handling of this part of your application within the time limit of 15 working days, which expires on 30 November 2016.

An extended time limit is needed to complete this request as large files are being examined in order to retrieve the documents requested.

Therefore, we have to extend the time limit by 15-working days in accordance with Article 7(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001. The new time limit expires on 21 December 2016.

We apologize for this delay and for any inconvenience this may cause.

Yours sincerely,

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