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Dear Mr Wetzels,

**Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref. GestDem
No 2016/6310**

We refer to your request for access to documents dated 31 October 2016 concerning GMO food labelling.

In particular, we refer to 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*”, which was assigned to the Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety and registered under the abovementioned reference number on 9 November 2016.

We have identified 5 documents falling under the scope of your request, including annexes to main documents. They are listed in Annex A to this letter.

Redaction of those parts of the documents falling outside the scope of the request

Some parts of document No 1 have been redacted as they fall outside the scope of your request, their disclosure not being relevant to it.

Confirmatory application

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review its 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:

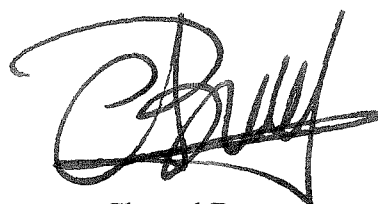
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Final remarks

You may re-use the Commission documents disclosed free of charge for non-commercial and commercial purposes provided that the source is acknowledged, that you do not distort the original meaning or message of the documents. Please note that the Commission does not assume liability stemming from the re-use.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chantal Bruetschy', with a stylized, cursive script.

Chantal Bruetschy
Head of Unit

Annexes: – Annex A: Table listing the documents covered by the request;
 – 5 documents fully or partially disclosed

ANNEX A: Gestdem 2016/6310 – Documents covered by the request

N°	Description of the document	Date	Access granted	Justifications for partial disclosure or refusal of disclosure (where applicable)	
1	Commission Staff Working Paper accompanying the Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on socio-economic implications of GMO cultivation on the basis of Member States contributions, as requested by the Conclusions of the Environment Council of December 2008 - SEC(2011)/481 final/2	6/10/2011	Partial	The redacted passages are not relevant to the request	
2	Evaluation of the EU legislative framework in the field of GM food and feed – Final Report	12/07/2010	Full		
2.1	Annex: Evaluation of the EU legislative framework in the field of GM food and feed – Appendices	12/07/2010	Full		
3	State of play in the EU on GM-free food labelling schemes and assessment of the need for possible harmonisation - Final report	08/10/2013	Full		
3.1	Annex: State of play in the EU on GM-free food labelling schemes and assessment of the need for possible harmonisation – Case Studies	08/10/2013	Full		