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Vincent Harmsen

By e-mail:

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Dear Sir,

Subject: Your applications for access to documents: Ref GestDem No 2016 – 7238, GestDem No 2017 – 0052, GestDem No 2017 - 151

We refer to your e-mails dated 22/12/2016 in which you make a requests for access to documents registered under the above mentioned reference numbers.

You requested access to:

1. GestDem No 2016 - 7238

"...-on the topic of endocrine disruptors (also spelled: disrupters), all emails with in attachment scientific studies, or in general documents containing conclusions drawn by scientists or scientific organisations, sent to officials/representatives of the European Commission (all DGs, including the SG) by third parties (between March 15th 2016 and December 22th 2016).

This request entails the emails and their attachments.

When 'officials' are mentioned in this request this includes the Commissioners and their Cabinet members, as well as the Commission President and his Cabinet."

2. GestDem No 2017 – 0052

"...-on the topic of endocrine disrupters (also spelled: disruptors), all correspondence (including emails), agendas, phone logs, minutes of meetings or any other reports of such meetings between officials of DG ENV and officials the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), between October 2015 and December 22th 2016.

When 'officials' are mentioned in this request this includes the Commissioner and his Cabinet members."

3. GestDem No 2017 – 151

"...-on the topic of endocrine disruptors (also spelled: disrupters), all minutes of meetings or any other reports of such meetings between officials/representatives of the European Commission (all DGs, including the SG) and scientists (between March 15th 2016 and December 22th 2016).

When 'officials' are mentioned in this request this includes the Commissioners and their Cabinet members, as well as the Commission President and his Cabinet."

Your applications are currently being handled. However, we will not be in a position to complete the handling of your applications within the time limit of 15 working days, which expire on 23/01/2017 (GESTDEM 2016-7238 and 2017-151) and on 25/01/2017 (GESTDEM 2017-0052).

An extended time limit is needed since in order to retrieve possible documents subject to your requests, large files have to be examined. In addition, some of the documents requested originate from third parties which have been consulted.

Therefore, we have to extend the time limit with 15 working days in accordance with Article 7(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents. The new time limit expires on 13/02/2017 (for GESTDEM 2016-7238 and 2017-151) and 15/02/2017 (GESTDEM 2017-0052).

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

Yours faithfully,

Bjorn Hansen Head of Unit