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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2017/584

Dear Sir,

We refer to your e-mail dated 30/01/2017 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 01/02/2017 under the above mentioned reference number.

You request access to *"Documents created from 1 January 2016 - present in relation to the Proposal for an Effort Sharing Regulation 2021-2030:*

- *Correspondence between European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development, Phil Hogan and the Irish government's Minister for the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment (DCCAE), Denis Naughten in relation to the proposal;*
- *Correspondence between Phil Hogan and Aidan O'Driscoll, Secretary General of the Irish government's Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) in relation to the proposal.*
- *Correspondence between Phil Hogan and Michael Creed, the Minister for DAFM in Ireland in relation to the proposal;*
- *Correspondence between staff of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI) and the Irish government's DCCAE AND/OR DAFM in relation to the proposal;*
- *Correspondence between Phil Hogan and the President and/or Director General of the Irish Farmers Association (IFA), in relation to the proposal;*
- *Correspondence between staff of DG AGRI and the IFA in relation to the proposal;*
- *A copy of the diary/agenda of Commissioner Phil Hogan covering the two-month period prior to each Inter-Service Consultation on the ESR proposal;*

· *Input of the DG AGRI for each Inter-Service Consultation on the ESR proposal."*

We regret to inform you that no documents were found that would correspond to the description given in your application. As regards DG AGRI reply to the ISC you requested, note that it was a reply "with no comment" and therefore with no document needed.

Indeed, as specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution.

Given that no such documents have been identified, the Commission is not in a position to handle your request.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this 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:

European Commission
Secretary-General
Transparency unit SG-B-4
BERL 5/282
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or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Sauze', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Nathalie SAUZE-VANDEVYVER