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*By registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt*

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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2017/7573**

Dear Madam,

We refer to your e-mail dated 19/12/2017 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 21/12/2017 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to "*documents (such as agendas, Commission briefing papers and minutes) that relate to meetings as well as correspondence (such as emails, letters, faxes) between Commissioner Phil Hogan, Members of his cabinet, DG Agriculture members of staff, and the following:*

- *Sime Darby*
- *Indonesian Palm Oil Association*
- *Malaysian Palm Oil Council*
- *European Palm Oil Alliance*
- *Hill & Knowlton International Belgium*
- *Kreab*
- *Golden Agri-resource Ltd*
- *Cargill*
- *Wilmar International Limited*
- *Sinar Mas Group*
- *Unilever*

*concerning:*

- *Commission response to resolution 2016/2222*
- *EU-Indonesian free trade negotiations for CEPA*

*since January 1st, 2016."*

We regret to inform you that DG AGRI does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application.

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, corresponding to the description given in your application, are held by DG AGRI, DG AGRI 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  
B-1049 Bruxelles

or by email to: [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

Yours faithfully,



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