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Dear Madam,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem 2017/7539

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

Your request **2017/7539** concerns the minutes/ reports of all lobby meetings held by the Secretariat General since 26 January 2017 where the proposed Plastics Strategy was discussed with one or more of the following organisations: PlasticsEurope, European Chemical Industry Council (Cefic), Total, Cosmetics Europe, Borealis.

Your application concerns eight documents which are enclosed to this letter:

Some of the documents to which you have requested access contain personal data. Pursuant to Article 4(1) (b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access to a document has to be refused if its disclosure would undermine the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual, in particular in accordance with Community legislation regarding the protection of personal data. The applicable legislation in this field is Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data¹.

¹ Official Journal L 8 of 12.1.2001, p. 1

When access is requested to documents containing personal data, Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 becomes fully applicable².

According to Article 8(b) of this Regulation, personal data shall only be transferred to recipients if they establish the necessity of having the data transferred to them and if there is no reason to assume that the legitimate rights of the persons concerned might be prejudiced.

We consider that, with the information available, the necessity of disclosing the aforementioned personal data to you has not been established and/or that it cannot be assumed that such disclosure would not prejudice the legitimate rights of the persons concerned. Therefore, we are disclosing the documents requested expunged from this personal data.

In case you would disagree with the assessment that the expunged data are personal data which can only be disclosed if such disclosure is legitimate under the rules of personal data protection, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, 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 sincerely,



Jean-Yves Muylle

Enclosures:

- 7 reports of meetings held by the Secretariat General since 26 January 2017 where the proposed Plastics Strategy with the requested organisations was discussed.

² Judgment of the Court of Justice of the EU of 29 June 2010 in case 28/08 P, Commission/The Bavarian Lager Co. Ltd, ECR 2010 I-06055.