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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2018/585

Dear Madam,

We refer to your e-mail dated 22/01/2018 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 26/01/2018 under the above mentioned reference number.

You request access to a list of all lobby meetings held by DG AGRI since 24 June 2016 on Brexit and the article 50 negotiations on the UK's exit from the EU.

We regret to inform you that no documents were found 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, we are 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

Nevertheless, and although these are not lobby meetings, we would like to inform you that Brexit was addressed during the following regular meetings of Civil Dialogue Groups¹ that took place at the following dates:

10/03/2017 – International aspects of Agriculture

08/06/2017 – Forestry and Cork

15/09/2017 – Arable crops – Sugar and starch sectors

17/10/2017 - Milk

16/11/2017 – Animal products – Beef meat sector

21/11/2017 - Sector sheep and goat meat

13/12/2017 – Arable crops – Sugar and rice

If you wish to have access to the agenda and the minutes (where already available) of these meetings, you may consult the following link to Europa website:

https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/civil-dialogue-groups_en

Please note that for more information on Brexit, you may also contact TF50, the lead service on Brexit, at: TF50-CONTACT@ec.europa.eu.

Yours faithfully,



Jerzy PLEWA

¹ The Civil Dialogue Groups as set up by Commission Decision 2013/767/EU assist the Commission and help to hold a regular dialogue on all matters relating to the common agricultural policy, including rural development, and its implementation.