

## **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

Secretariat-General

Directorate D - Policy Co-ordination I SG.D.3-Resource Efficiency Head of Unit

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Ms Vicky Cann CEO Rue d'Edimbourg 150 1050 Brussels

Dear Ms Cann,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2018/3105

We refer to your email dated 30/05/2018 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on the same date under the above mentioned reference number.

You request access to a list of all lobby meetings held by the Secretariat General since 16 January 2018 where single-use plastics were discussed. The list should include the names of the individuals and organisations attending; the date; and any minutes / notes produced. You would also like to receive any emails or other correspondence related to these meetings. You will find the list and the related document enclosed.

Please note that the document contains some personal data, which has been expunged. 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 data<sup>1</sup>.

When access is requested to documents containing personal data, Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 becomes fully applicable<sup>2</sup>. 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.

Official Journal L 8 of 12.1.2001, p. 1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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.

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

Yours sincerely,

Jean-Yves MUYLLE

Enclosures:

the list of meetings, five meeting reports, two follow-up emails and

the Strategy on Plastics in Circular Economy of SUEZ