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Safety of the Food Chain
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Brussels,
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Answer 2013) 2786810

Dear Ms Horel,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2013/3636, point 3

We refer to your e-mail dated 11 July 2013 in which you made a request for access to documents registered on 16 July 2013 under the above mentioned reference number.

In point 3 of your application you requested "on the topic of endocrine disrupters (also spelled: disruptors), all correspondence (including emails), the list of meetings with detailed minutes and any other reports of such meetings between DG SANCO's officials and representatives of the following organisations: - CEFIC; - PlasticsEurope; - European Crop Protection Association (ECPA); - European Council for Plasticisers and Intermediates (ECPI); -Bayer; - BASF; - Dow; - DuPont; - Syngenta; - L'Oréal; - Cosmetics Europe; - European Centre for Ecotoxicology and Toxicology of Chemicals (ECETOC); - American Chemistry Council; - BusinessEurope; - American Chamber of Commerce to the European Union (AmCham EU); -USA Government; - UK Government; - German Government; - The German Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung (BfR); - French Government (between June 2011 and July 2013)".

Considering the high number of applications that you submitted on the same day, you requested a large number of documents which need to be assessed individually. Moreover, the handling of your requests involves the assessment of documents originating from third parties and Member States. Finally, further problems are determined by the absence of some member of staff during the holiday season and the difficulty to consult third parties during this period.

Therefore, a detailed analysis necessary to identify the requested documents, together with the need to consult the third parties and Member States concerned in accordance respectively with Article 4(4) and 4(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, cannot be carried out within the normal time limits set out in Article 7 of this Regulation.

However, Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 also provides for a possibility to confer with applicants in order to find a fair solution when an application concerns a very large number of documents. In particular, Article 6(3) provides that "in the event of an application relating to a very long document or to very large number of documents, the institution concerned may confer with the applicant informally, with a view to finding a fair solution".

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On the basis of this provision, we propose to handle point 3 of your application registered under reference number GestDem No 2013/3636 before the deadline of 30th November 2013.

If you have any questions concerning this proposal, please contact us at the following e-mail address:

sanco-consult-e3@ec.europa.eu.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Yours faithfully,

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