## **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SMES

The Director-General

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Dear Ms Cann.

We refer to your e-mail of 2 July 2020 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 2 July 2020 under the reference number GESTDEM 2020/4021.

We regret to inform you that the Directorate General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW) does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application.

Questions related to the Digital Services Tax are dealt with by the Directorate General for Taxation and Customs Union (DG TAXUD) to whom you have sent the same request. DG TAXUD will assess your request and ensure the appropriate follow-up.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 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 GROW, we are not in a position to fulfil your request.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 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 Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission
Secretariat-General
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)
BERL 7/076
B-1049 Brussels

or by email to: <a href="mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu">sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu</a>

According to the standard operational procedure, the reply is usually also sent to you by registered mail. Please note, however, that due to the extraordinary health and security measures currently in force during the COVID-19 epidemics, which include the requirement for all Commission non-critical staff to telework, we are unfortunately not in a position to follow this procedure until further notice.

We would therefore appreciate if you could confirm receipt of the present e-mail by replying to (GROW-E4@ec.europa.eu).

Yours sincerely,

(e-signed)

Kerstin JORNA

c.c.: Ilze Juhansone, Secretary General