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Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/1051

Dear Mr Haar,

We refer to your e-mail of 23 February 2021, registered on 24 February 2021 under the above mentioned reference.

You request access to: “(i) a list of meetings of DG GROW officials and/or representatives (including the Commissioner and his Cabinet) AND representatives of EFPIA (including Vaccines Europe) since 1 April 2020. (ii) minutes and other reports of these meetings; (iii) all correspondence (including emails) between DG GROW officials and/or representatives (including the Commissioner and his Cabinet) AND representatives of EFPIA (including Vaccines Europe) regarding vaccines against COVID, including questions concerning patents, since 1 April 2020”.

We have identified 21 documents matching the scope of your request. With regard to the documents 1-4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, and 20 listed in the attached document’s register, a complete disclosure of the identified documents is prevented by the exception concerning the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual outlined in Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, because they contain the following personal data, namely:

- the names/initials and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management;
- the names/initials and contact details of other natural persons and
- other information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person

Article 9(1)(b) of the Data Protection Regulation does not allow the transmission of these personal data, except if you prove that it is necessary to have the data transmitted to you for a specific purpose in the public interest and where there is no reason to assume that the legitimate interests of the data subject might be prejudiced. In your request, you do not express any particular interest to have access to these personal data nor do you put forward

any arguments to establish the necessity to have the data transmitted for a specific purpose in the public interest.

Consequently, I conclude that, pursuant to Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access cannot be granted to the personal data contained in the requested documents, as the need to obtain access thereto for a purpose in the public interest has not been substantiated and there is no reason to think that the legitimate interests of the individuals concerned would not be prejudiced by disclosure of the personal data concerned.

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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:

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Unit C.1. 'Transparency, Document Management and Access to Documents'
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B-1049 Brussels, or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

e-signed

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