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Re.: Your application for public access to documents of 9 May 2021

Ref. 2021/061

Dear Dr Clausing,

This letter aims at providing you with an update with regard to the processing of your e-mail of 9 May 2021 by means of which you requested access to documents which contain the following information *"How many combined exposure assessments of pesticides based on the EFSA Guidance on risk assessment of combined exposure to multiple chemicals (cf. EFSA Journal 2019;17(3)5634) have actually been performed?"*.

Further to our e-mail of 17 August 2021, this is to point out once again that we are committed to processing your application for public access to documents (hereinafter '*PAD application*') as swiftly as possible in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 on public access to documents (hereinafter '*the PAD Regulation*').

In your email of 21 September 2021, you stated that *"I asked for completed reports (and an information about how many there are)"*. In this regard, please note that EFSA already provided a reply on this point in the letter of reply of 25 June 2021, which indicated that *"EFSA has not conducted any assessment based on the MIXTOX 1 Guidance of 2019"*. Hence this point of your PAD application is considered fully addressed.

Having clarified this, kindly note that the reference to a second batch of documents provided in our follow up communications to you was meant as intending to share with you the information exchanged in the frame of a meeting held in June 2021 with a delegation, led by some Members of the European Parliament. In particular it was considered that in view of the fact that the documents and information shared within this meeting were meant for publication, we could have provided you with the link to the corresponding EFSA's webpage on which documents pertaining thereto are published, without requiring separate assessment on their accessibility. Indeed, this material is considered as providing supporting information pertaining to the scope of your PAD application because these exchanges aimed at clarifying EFSA's role in estimating the toxicological effects of pesticide mixtures from the toxicity of the single components as foreseen in [Regulation \(EC\) No 1107/2009](#), and based on the latest scientific methodologies (including the 2019 MIXTOX 1 Guidance).

It is worth noting though that a second meeting with the above mentioned delegation on the same topic has been organised very recently on 3 September 2021 and therefore the webpage providing the corresponding information about these meetings is currently being finalised. This is the reason why we have not been in the position yet to provide you with the link to this information in a second and final batch of documents in reply to your PAD application. We would like to apology for any inconvenience caused by this approach.

We trust that the above clarifies the processing of your PAD application. We will provide you with additional information about the incoming publication by the **15 October 2021**.

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding the processing of your PAD application in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us by writing to the following functional mailbox: EFSA.public.access.to.documents@efsa.europa.eu.

Yours sincerely,

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