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Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/3447

Dear Ms Knaebel

We refer to your e-mail of 23 May 2021 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 26 May 2021 under the above mentioned reference number.

You request access to:

“all documentation (including but not limited to all email correspondence, attendance lists, agendas, background papers, and minutes/notes) relating to the following meeting:

Isabelle Perignon, 27/05/2020, video conferencing, American Chamber of Commerce to the European Union (AmCham EU), Exchange with the AmCham Consumer Affairs committee on EU consumer policy.”

Your application concerns the following documents:

- Ares(2021)4198155 Briefing CAB 229Final - conf call with Amcham EU on Consumer Policy
- Ares(2020)2765287 Flash report - Exchange with the AmCham Consumer Affairs committee on EU consumer policy Wednesday 27 May 2020

With regard to both documents listed above, 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:

- 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;
- other information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person such as emails

Article 9(1)(b) of the Data Protection Regulation does not allow the transmission of 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.

The attached documents were drawn up for internal use under the responsibility of Directorate E of the Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers. It solely reflects Directorate E's interpretation of the interventions made and does not set out any official position of the third parties to which the document refers, which was not consulted on its content. It does not reflect the position of the Commission and cannot be quoted as such.

In case you would disagree with this position, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, to submit 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
Unit C.1. 'Transparency, Document Management and Access to Documents'
BERL 7/076
B-1049 Brussels, or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

According to standard operational procedure, the reply to a request for access to documents is usually sent by registered post. Please note, however, that due to the extraordinary health and security measures currently in force during the COVID-19 pandemic, 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.

I would therefore appreciate if you could **confirm receipt of the present e-mail** by replying to JUST-E1@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

Daniela BANKIER
Head of Unit

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