

**EUROPEAN COMMISSION**  
**HEALTH AND CONSUMERS DIRECTORATE-GENERAL**

Health systems and products  
**Substances of human origin and Tobacco control**

Brussels,  
Sanco.ddg1.d.4/AM/mp(2014)207589

Dear Sir,

**Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2013/6192**

We refer to your e-mail dated 05/12/2013 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 09/12/2013 under the above mentioned reference number and our letter of 13/12/2014 registered under Ares(2013)3715149, requesting for an extension of the deadline until 30/01/2014.

Your application is currently being handled. We have identified 40 documents which fall under the scope of your request and consulted 17 third parties for the disclosure of the documents. At this stage we have received replies from 11 third parties and have re-launched our request for the remaining 6.

The Regulation 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. 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"*.

Based on this provision and the explanations above, we would kindly ask you if you could agree that we send you the documents by 13 February 2014 so as to allow us to include as many of the remaining documents for which we are still expecting the replies of the third parties. In case some third parties would not yet have replied by then, we would send you the remaining documents in an additional batch upon receipt of their reply.


If you have any questions concerning this proposal, you can contact us by email to: [sanco-D4-soho-and-tobacco-control@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sanco-D4-soho-and-tobacco-control@ec.europa.eu)

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Thank you in advance for your understanding and apologise for this delay and for any inconvenience this may cause.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Schnichels', written over the printed name.

Dominik Schnichels  
Head of Unit