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Mrs Leonie Hogervorst
Sent by e-mail to:
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Dear Mrs Hogervorst,

Subject: Your request for access to documents on conflict of interest within Scientific Committees

We thank you for the interest shown in the activity of the Scientific Committees.

With reference to your mail dated 6/12/2013, requesting documents containing information about declarations of interest made by members or experts of the Scientific Committees (Chapter V, Paragraph 23 of the Rules of Procedures of the Commission non-food Scientific Committees, April 2013) that occurred from 19 February 2009 until present, we invite you to consult the website of the Scientific Committees http://ec.europa.eu/health/scientific_committees/index_en.htm

As laid down in the Rules of Procedures, Chapter VI, paragraph 35, 'The following documents of the Scientific Committees are published on the Scientific Committees' website, subject to respect of confidentiality requirements as well as protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data:

- Draft agendas of plenary meetings of the Committees, and meetings of the Inter-Committee Co-ordination Group.
- Minutes of plenary meetings and meetings of the Inter-Committee Co-ordination Group and working groups.
- Requests for opinions (mandates).
- Final opinions and pre-consultation opinions published for public consultation.
- Declarations by members, and of advisors and experts participating in ongoing work of their commitment to act independently of any external influence.
- Annual declarations of interest made by members of the Scientific Committees and specific declarations of interests made by Advisors associated in accordance

with Article 6(1) of Decision 2008/721/EC as well as by members, Advisors and external experts who participated in working groups.

- Declarations of interest made in relation to items on the agendas of plenary meetings and Working Groups will be published as part of meeting minutes.
- The names of the members of the Scientific Committees together with their brief CVs.
- Scientific Committee reports clarifying contentious issues as a result of a substantive divergence over scientific issues with other Community bodies (Art. 14(3) of Commission Decision 2008/721/EC)
- Rules of procedures.
- Stakeholder dialogue activities (mandate consultations, calls for information, calls for experts, calls for hearings, public consultations on pre-consultation opinions etc.)

Concerning your request about enactment of Chapter V, paragraphs 25 and 26, we will not be in a position to complete the handling of your application within the time limit of 15 working days, which expires on 09/01/2014.

An extended time limit is needed as your application regarding Chapter V, paragraphs 25 and 26 of the Rules of Procedure, requires consultations which cannot be completed within the deadline.

Therefore, we have to extend the time limit with 15 working days in accordance with Article 7(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents. The new time limit expires on 30/01/2014.

We apologise for this delay and for any inconvenience this may cause.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stefan Schreck', with a stylized, flowing script.

Stefan Schreck
Head of Unit