Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2022/2979

Dear Mr Wetzels,

We refer to your e-mail of 20 May 2022 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 24 May 2022 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You requested access to:

i) “Any study, impact assessment, forecast, paper or other document commissioned or authored by any part of the European Commission, mentioning or concerning the ratification of the EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between September 2019 and the 20th of May 2022.

ii) A list of meetings including detailed minutes and any other reports of such meetings between DG CLIMA officials (including the Commissioner and his Cabinet members) mentioning or concerning the ratification of the EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between September 2019 and the 20th of May 2022.

iii) All correspondence (including emails) by DG CLIMA officials (including the Commissioner and his Cabinet members) sent to or received, mentioning or concerning the ratification of the EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between September 2019 and the 20th of May 2022.”
Your application for access to documents covers topics falling under the responsibility of different Commission services. In that regard, point i) of your request is being dealt by the Directorate General for Trade in the request registered with reference Gestdem 2022/2924. Points ii) and iii) of your request are covered by the reply of the Directorate General of Climate Action (DG CLIMA).

Having consulted the relevant services, I regret to inform you that the Commission does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in points ii) and iii) of your application.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution.

Given that no such documents, corresponding to the description given in your application are held by the Commission, DG CLIMA is not in a position to fulfil your request.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, you are entitled to make 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 Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)
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B-1049 Brussels

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Yours sincerely,

(e-signed)
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