

The Director-General

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Subject: Your application for public access to documents – GestDem Ref No 2022/4326

Dear Mr Gaberell,

We refer to your email dated 13 July in which you submitted an application for access to documents within the framework of Regulation (EC) 1049/2001¹.

1. Scope of your request

Your request concerned:

"- Any documents (including emails, briefings, reports, as well as attachments) received from (or sent to) other Departments and executive agencies from the European Commission (including but not limited to DG AGRI, DG COMP, DG ECFIN, DG GROW, DG RTD, DG TRADE) since October 2020 that concern or make mention of the commitment in the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability that the EU will "lead by example, and, in line with international commitments, ensure that hazardous chemicals banned in the European Union are not produced for export, including by amending relevant legislation if and as needed.

- A list of meetings held (and minutes of those meetings when available) [by] other Departments and executive agencies from the European Commission (including but not limited to DG AGRI, DG COMP, DG ECFIN, DG GROW, DG RTD, DG TRADE) since October 2020 that concern or make mention of the commitment in the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability that the EU will "lead by example, and, in line with international commitments, ensure that hazardous chemicals banned in the European

¹ Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43), hereinafter referred to as 'Regulation (EC) 1049/2001'.

Union are not produced for export, including by amending relevant legislation if and as needed.".

The Secretariat General of the European Commission has distributed this request to the different Directorates General involved. This answer is given on behalf of the Directorate General Research and Innovation.

NO DOCUMENTS HELD

We regret to inform you that we could not find any document corresponding to the description given in your application.

We have tried to find the document(s) you requested, but we were not able to identify anything corresponding to the description you provided. Therefore, we are not a position to handle your request.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that Regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution. Given that we could not retrieve any document corresponding to the description given in your application, we are not in a position to handle your request.

2. MEANS OF REDRESS

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) 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 Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission
Secretary-General
Unit SG C.1 – Transparency, document management & access to documents
BERL 7/076
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or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

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