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Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2022_4515

Ref.: Ares(2022)5630010

Dear Mr Loke,

We refer to your request dated 06/08/2022 in which you made a request for access to documents, registered on 08/08/2022 under the above mentioned reference number. Your application concerns the following documents containing environmental information in relation to the derogation granted to Ireland from the requirements of the Nitrates Directive (Commission implementing decision (EU) 2022/696 of 29 April 2022 OJ L129 3.5.2022 p37-45):

All documents containing details of the negotiation between Ireland and the European Commission, including documents showing the various proposals and positions adopted by Ireland and European Commission during the negotiation in relation to the proposed derogation and all technical analysis and data produced by either side in relation to water quality and protection of Natura 2000 sites in the context of the various proposals and positions as the negotiations proceeded.

Your application is currently being handled. However, we would not be in a position to complete the handling of your application within the time limit of 15 working days, which expires on 30 of August 2022 and are bound to extend the time limit to 15 September.

We apologize for any inconvenience caused by this extension.

Yours faithfully,

(e-signed)
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