

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

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

Brussels,  
SANCO D4/AM/mp ARES(2014)

Dear Mr McLaren,

**Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2014/863**

We refer to your e-mail dated 17/02/2014 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on the same day under the above mentioned reference number.

Your application is currently being handled. However 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 10 March 2014.


An extended time limit is needed as the documents requested originate from third parties which have to be consulted.

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 31/03/2014.

Also, if you can agree, we would propose to limit your request to correspondence between WHO and SANCO, chef-de-file for NCP, as other services would normally have sent such correspondence from WHO to SANCO.

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

Yours faithfully,



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