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**Subject: Your application for access to documents EASE 2023/1339**

Dear Ms Gullery,

We refer to your request for access to European Commission documents registered on 27 February 2023 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to:

*All documentation (including but not limited to all email correspondence, attendance lists, agendas, background papers, transcripts, recordings and minutes/notes) relating to the meeting listed below:*

1. *Between Manufacture Française des Pneumatiques Michelin and Cabinet members of Commissioner Frans Timmermans, Stefanie Hiesinger and Daniel Mes, on 01/02/21*
2. *Between Manufacture Française des Pneumatiques Michelin and Cabinet member of Commissioner Frans Timmermans, Daniel Mes, on 26/02/20*
3. *Between Manufacture Française des Pneumatiques Michelin and Director-General of Climate Action, Mauro Raffaele Petriccione, on 18/09/18*

Your application concerns the following documents:

	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Reference</b>
1	Meeting request_CAB EVP and AmChamEU_Sustainable	19/02/2021	Ares(2021)1376278

	Aviation_01.02.2021_Redacted		
2	Meeting request Michelin and Daniel Mes_26.02.2020_Redacted	15/01/2020	Ares(2020)249551
3	Invitation Timmermans to the Movin'On Summit_3-5.06.2020_Montreal_Redacted	15/01/2020	Ares(2020)249551
4	Meeting request with Mauro Petriccione_Michelin_18.09.2018_Redacted	02/03/2023	Ares(2023)1531362
5	Meeting Mauro Petriccione and Michelin_18.09.2018_Briefing_Redacted	02/10/2018	Ares(2018)5057257

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- the names/initials/handwritten signatures and contact details of other natural persons.

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Consequently, I conclude that, pursuant to Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access cannot be granted to the personal data contained in the requested documents, as the need to obtain access thereto for a purpose in the public interest has not been substantiated and there is no reason to think that the legitimate interests of the individuals concerned would not be prejudiced by disclosure of the personal data concerned.

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Please note that the meeting you refer to in point 1 of your application “*between Manufacture Française des Pneumatiques Michelin and Cabinet members of Commissioner Frans Timmermans, Stefanie Hiesinger and Daniel Mes, on 01/02/21*” was not a bilateral between Ms Hiesinger, Mr Mes and the company Michelin. It was about a meeting organized by the American Chamber of Commerce to the European Union to discuss on EU initiatives to green the aviation sector, where, among others,

Manufacture Française des Pneumatiques Michelin (MFPM) participated. This meeting was published in the Transparency register on [Meetings of Cabinet members of Executive Vice-President Frans Timmermans with organisations and self-employed individuals](#).

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Such a confirmatory application should be addressed to the Secretariat-General of the Commission within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter. You can submit it in one of the following ways:

**by asking for a review via your portal<sup>1</sup> account** (available only for initial requests submitted via the portal account),

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Yours sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-request>