Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref. EASE 2024/2201

Dear Ms Bigaignon,

We refer to your request for access to documents, registered on 25/04/2024 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to all correspondence, preparatory documents, minutes of meetings and any other report of such meetings, notes, logs of phone calls having occurred in 2023 between officials/representatives/Commissioner/cabinet member of DG GROW and the following private companies and stakeholders:

- Philippe Morris International;
- British American Tobacco;
- Japan American Tobacco;
- Any lobby group or individual when these exchanges are related to tobacco or nicotine products.

We regret to inform you that DG GROW does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in 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 DG GROW, DG GROW 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 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 (1) account (available only for initial requests submitted via the portal account),

or by mail:

European Commission
Secretariat-General
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)
BERL 7/076
B-1049 Bruxelles

or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours faithfully,

Kerstin Jorna
Director-General

(1) https://www.ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-request