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*By registered letter with acknowledgement
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Dear Ms Schimpf,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem 2015/1894

We refer to your e-mail dated 27 March 2015 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 30 March 2015 under the above-mentioned reference number.

Your application concerns the documents on the topic of cloning/food from cloned animals and their descendants produced between 1 July 2011 and 26 March 2015. You requested all correspondence (including e-mails), the list of meetings with detailed minutes and any other reports of such meetings between DG SANCO/SANTE's Commissioner, cabinet and officials; and representatives of the following organisations: American Chamber of Commerce to the European Union (AmCham EU), Governments of USA, Canada, Argentina, Chile, Mexico, Brazil (incl. USDA and equivalent departments), Chambers of Commerce or similar institutions of USA, Canada, Argentina, Chile, Mexico, Brazil, Breeding companies and associations (from EU and USA), farmer's organisations from EU and USA (as Copa-Cogeca, NFU, DBV, IFA), BusinessEurope, Europabio and their members, UK Government, German Government, DG Trade and EFSA.

On 20 May 2015 we had already provided you with a first partial reply to your request (Ares(2015)2108630).

We had indicated that information on meetings with stakeholders was published in the impact assessment. Moreover, meetings of the Copa-Cogeca Working Party on Breeding Livestock were attended by DG SANCO/SANTE staff on 22 September 2014, 23 October 2014 and 10 April 2015. Bilateral meetings were held with the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) on 06 May 2014, the European Forum of Animal Breeders (EFFAB) on 12 March 2015, and with the European Livestock and Meat Trading Union (UECBV) on 24 March 2015. No official minutes were prepared of these meetings. DG SANCO/SANTE staff participated in meetings of the Advisory

Group on Beefmeat on 22 November 2013, the Advisory Group on Pigmeat on 07 May 2014 and the Advisory Group on Milk on 06 March 2014. The minutes/documents of these meetings are available at <http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/consultations/advisory-groups>.

We are still consulting with other parties and investigating historical archives. As a result this reply does still not yet cover all aspects of your request. Our aim is to provide you with new documents before 1 July 2015.

The expunged parts of the correspondence from Ms Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle, Ms Paola Testori Coggi and the European Consumer Organisation (identified as documents no 1, 2, 4, 10(a) and 10(b)) concern personal data. Pursuant to Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access to a document has to be refused if its disclosure would undermine the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual, in particular in accordance with Union legislation regarding the protection of personal data.

The applicable legislation in this field is Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 *on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data*¹.

When access is requested to documents containing personal data, Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 becomes fully applicable. According to Article 8(b) of this Regulation, personal data shall only be transferred to recipients if they establish the necessity of having the data transferred to them and if there is no reason to assume that the legitimate rights of the persons concerned might be prejudiced.

We consider that, with the information available, the necessity of disclosing the aforementioned personal data to you has not been established and/or that it cannot be assumed that such disclosure would not prejudice the legitimate rights of the persons concerned. Therefore, we are disclosing the documents requested expunged from this personal data.

In case you would disagree with the assessment that the expunged data are personal data which can only be disclosed if such disclosure is legitimate under the rules of personal data protection, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, 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 (address further below).

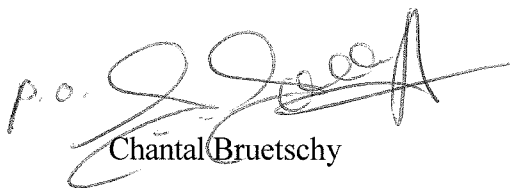
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¹ The legislation of the European Union is available for free in all official languages at <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/homepage.html>.

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Yours faithfully,

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Encl.: Table
Annexes