

## **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

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Dear Sir,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2016/1166

We refer to your e-mail dated 04/03/2016 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 09/03/2016 under the above mentioned reference number.

You request the following documents: "all correspondence (including emails), agendas, minutes of meetings and any other reports of such meetings where the (science-based) criteria for endocrine disruptors (also spelled: disrupters) were discussed/mentioned between officials of the Secretariat-General and officials/representatives of (one or more of) the following DGs/organisations: DG SANTE, DG AGRI, DG TRADE, DG GROWTH, US EPA, US government, AmCham, CropLife, ACC, ECPA, Cefic, Burson-Marsteller, BASF, Bayer, Dow Chemicals, Monsanto, DuPont (between January 2015 and March 5th 2016). When 'officials' are mentioned in this request this includes the Commissioners and their Cabinet members, as well as Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker and his Cabinet."

Your application is currently being dealt with. However, we will not be in a position to reply within the time limit of 15 working days, which expires on 04/04/2016 as not all documents are held by the Secretariat-General and we will need to check with the relevant cabinets. Moreover, (part of) the documents requested may originate from third parties which have to be consulted. We will therefore extend the time limit by 15 working days in accordance with Article 7(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents. This new time limit expires on 25/04/2016.

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

Yours faithfully,

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