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Subject: Your request for public access to documents of 2 March 2016

Ref.: PAD 2016/027

Dear Mr Harmsen,

Further to our letter of 3 March 2016, by means of which we acknowledged the receipt of your request for public access to documents PAD 2016/027, this is to confirm the fact that your request is being processed as quickly as possible in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 on public access to documents¹.

However, in order to proceed, we would need a clarification concerning the exact scope of your request. More specifically, we would like to understand whether you are requesting access to documents and exchanges in which the findings of the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) on the potential carcinogenicity of glyphosate or glyphosate-containing plant protection products were discussed in the period from March 2015 and March 2016:


- either internally at EFSA by its staff
- or between EFSA and IARC.

We would appreciate if you could clarify this point as soon as possible by means of a separate reply.

Pending this clarification, we regret to inform you that due to the fact that EFSA is still in the process of clarifying the status of relevant documents, we have to extend the deadline by 15 working days in accordance with Article 7(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001. Please accept our apologies.

You will receive an answer to your request latest fifteen working days after the receipt of your clarification.

Yours sincerely,



Dirk Detken

¹ Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents, OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43-48, applicable to EFSA.