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**Re: Your request for public access to documents of 15 March 2016**

*Ref.: PAD 2016/034*

Dear Honourable Members of the European Parliament, Mrs Hautala, Mrs Rivasi, Mr Jávor, Mr Staes,

Following my update sent on 8 July 2016, the present letter is intended to provide you with further information about the status of the consultations launched with the owners of the studies you requested, in line with Article 4(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 (PAD Regulation)<sup>1</sup>.

EFSA has received extensive confidentiality claims and argumentations from the Glyphosate Task Force, which is co-ordinating the response to the consultations we have launched with the companies about your request. EFSA has also received confidentiality claims and argumentations from two individual companies that own studies you have requested. In the interests of transparency, I intend to share the correspondence relating to these claims with you by **3 August 2016**, as I have done on previous occasions.

In parallel, EFSA will now proceed to assess the arguments submitted by the companies and apply them to the different sections of the documents you request to check the possibility of full or partial release and in order to take a final decision on your access to document request as quickly as possible.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

I appreciate that it is taking longer to process your request than you may have expected and for this I apologise. However, please understand that your request is complex and large in scope and requires us to consult extensively to collect and verify the confidentiality claims made by the companies in line with our legal obligations. In this context, and with reference to Article 6(3) of the PAD Regulation, I commit to provide you with an update on the status of your request by **16 September 2016**.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any clarification.

Yours sincerely,

  
Dirk Detken

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