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By registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt

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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2016/2751

Dear Mr Rotherham,

We refer to your email dated 03/05/2016 in which you make a request for access to documents to the Legal Service of the Commission. Your request was registered on 18/05/2016 by the Secretariat General of the Commission and reattributed to DG TRADE under the above mentioned reference number.

In your application you ask for "*a copy of the guidelines issued in relation to the requirement for EU legislation to be compliant with international agreements on trade standards made at institutions such as UNECE*".

We regret to inform you that no documents were found in DG TRADE that would correspond to the description given in your application. Please also note that we have consulted with DG GROW, DG AGRI and DG TAXUD who also report that they are not aware of any document with the description given by you.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation 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 have been identified, we are not in a position to handle your request further.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, you are entitled 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 at the following address:

European Commission
Secretary-General
Transparency unit SG-B-4
BERL 5/282
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or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JL Demarty', written over a diagonal line that extends from the bottom left towards the top right.

Jean-Luc DEMARTY