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**Subject: Extension of the deadline to reply to your request for public access to documents of 3 January 2017**

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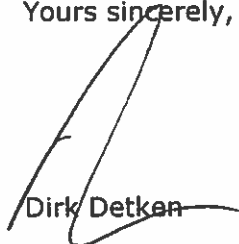
Dear Mr Harmsen,

Further to our letter of 3 January 2017, by means of which we acknowledged the receipt of your request for public access registered as PAD 2017/001, I would like to reiterate 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 documents<sup>1</sup>.

However, we regret to inform you that due to the fact that EFSA is still in the process of clarifying the confidential status of the large amount of documents in the ownership of several third parties 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 by 14 February 2017 at the latest.

Yours sincerely,

  
Dirk Detken

<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, applicable to EFSA.