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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 2017/5832**

Dear Ms. Reda,

We refer to your request via the AsktheEU.org website dated 25/09/2017 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 26/09/2017 under the above-mentioned reference number<sup>1</sup>.

We understand that you requested access to the following documents: "*one copy of each study pertaining to the topic of copyright and related topics, commissioned, ordered, tendered or received since 2013. If the final version of a study has not been received yet, the name, title and date should be enough.*"

We regret to inform you that DG TRADE does not hold any documents that would correspond to that description.

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, corresponding to the description given in your application, are held by DG TRADE, we are not in a position to handle your request.

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<sup>1</sup> The initial request was sent on 25/09/2017, attributed to DG Connect and registered under GestDem No 2017/5579. After splitting the request among relevant DGs, DG Trade received this request on 09/10/2017 with the GestDem No 2017/5832

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:

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Yours sincerely,



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