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Brussels, **01 OCT. 2013**
DG TRADE /F3/FPP dk

Subject: Document request pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 (GESTDEM 2013/2132) - 1st batch

Dear Mr Hoedeman,

Thank you for your request Gestdem 2013/2132, registered on 19th of April 2013, for access to documents under Regulation No 1049/2001¹ regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents ("the Regulation").

We understand from your request that you would like to have access to:

- 1) minutes and other reports of meeting of DG Trade officials and/or representatives (including the Commissioner and the Cabinet) and representatives of individual companies, including lobby consultancies and law firms, and/or industry associations, in which the upcoming trade negotiations with the US were dealt with between 1st of January 2012 and 19 of April 2013);
- 2) all correspondence (including emails) between DG Trade officials and/or representatives (including the Commissioner and the Cabinet) and representatives of individual companies (including lobby consultancies and law firms) and/or industry associations, in which the upcoming trade negotiations with the US were dealt with between 1st of January 2012 and 19 of April 2013.

Before entering into the details of our approach to the reply, let me first apologize for the delay in replying which is due to a careful screening of a considerable amount of documents in order to provide you with a comprehensive and accurate reply. Let me also add that such screening has involved several units. Furthermore, and as you will be aware, the considerable interest in the EU-US trade negotiations has triggered a number of access to document requests which we treat in an incoming order.

Further to our proposal for a fair solution regarding the timing, scope and handling of the request, we agreed that you will receive minutes and reports of the meetings first and all the correspondence after.

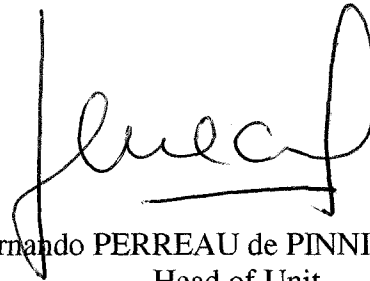
However, while our reply to the first part of your request in which you request minutes and other reports of meetings where the EU-US negotiations were dealt is in circulation

¹ OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43.

for the approval of our hierarchy, we are pleased to send you a first batch containing eighty-five documents from the second part of your request covering all correspondence where the EU-US negotiations were broached. We are granting you a full access to all eighty-five documents.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'f. perreau de pinninck', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Fernando PERREAU de PINNINCK
Head of Unit