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Dear Ms Cann,

Subject: Your applications for access to documents – Ref. GestDem No 2018/505 and 2018/506

We refer to your two requests for access to documents, registered on 24 January 2018 under the above mentioned reference numbers.

1. Scope of your request

- i. *Minutes of the following meetings:*
 - *Meeting between DG SANTE Unit E.4 and D.3 and the Minister Counsellor Agriculture at the South African Embassy on 6 March 2017, Ares(2017)1290407;*
 - *Meeting between DG SANTE Director Sabine Jülicher and Canadian representatives on 22 March 2017, Ares(2017)1591309;*
 - *Meeting between Cabinet Andriukaitis (Arunas Vinciunas) and German farmers association (DBV) on 15 June 2017, Ares(2017)4300577;*
 - *Meeting between DG SANTE Director Sabine Jülicher and BEUC on 11 July 2017, Ares(2017)3510375;*
 - *Meeting between DG SANTE Unit E.4 and BEUC on 24 July 2017, Ares(2017)3731848.*
- ii. *all communications between DG Sante and external lobby groups in 2017 where endocrine disrupting chemicals were discussed.*

2. Identification and assessment of the concerned documents

We have identified 11 documents falling under the scope of your request. Having examined the documents, we have come to the conclusion that:

- i. full access is granted to one document numbered 4 and indicated with “Yes” in the list of documents;
- ii. partial access can be granted to ten documents and indicated with “Partial” in the list of documents and numbered 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

You will find in annex to this letter all documents that are labelled with the indication “Yes” and “Partial” as well as a table with the list of documents containing the result of the assessment carried out on their content on the basis of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.

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3. Protection of personal data

Documents 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 contain personal data, such as names, email-addresses, signatures and telephone numbers of staff of the Commission, CES and EPPA. Pursuant to Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access to a document has to be refused if its disclosure would undermine the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual, in particular in accordance with EU legislation regarding the protection of personal data. The applicable legislation in this field is Regulation (EC) No 45/2001¹.

When access is requested to documents containing personal data, Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 becomes fully applicable.² According to Article 8(b) of this Regulation, personal data shall only be transferred to recipients if they establish the necessity of having the data transferred to them and if there is no reason to assume that the legitimate rights of the persons concerned might be prejudiced.

We consider that, with the information available, the necessity of disclosing the aforementioned personal data to you has not been established and that it cannot be assumed that such disclosure would not prejudice the legitimate rights of the persons concerned. Therefore, partial access is granted to the requested documents, expunged of personal data.

4. Means of redress

Should you wish this position to be reconsidered, you should present in writing, within fifteen working days from receipt of this letter, a confirmatory application to the Commission’s Secretary-General at the address below.

The Secretary-General will inform you of the result of such review within 15 working days from the date of registration of your request. You will either be given access to the document or your request will be rejected, in which case you will be informed of what further action is open to you.

¹ Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data (OJ L 8, 12.1.2001, p. 1).

² Judgment of the Court of Justice of the EU of 29 June 2010 in case C-28/08 P, Commission/The Bavarian Lager Co. Ltd, ECR 2010 I-06055.

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Yours sincerely,



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