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By registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt

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Dear Madam,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2018/3018

We refer to your e-mail dated 30/05/2018 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 1/06/2018 under the reference numbers GestDem No 2018/3018.

Under GestDem No 2018/3018 you request access to “*a list of all lobby meetings held by DG ENV since 16 January 2018 where single-use plastics were discussed. The list should include the names of the individuals and organisations attending; the date; and any minutes / notes produced. I would additionally like to receive any emails or other correspondence related to these meetings*”.

Please note that a single list of all lobby meetings held by DG ENV as requested does not exist. However, according to the Commission’s code of good administrative behavior, we compiled a list of meetings held with stakeholders. We have identified 25 meetings within the scope of your request, as well as related correspondence for 18 of these meetings.

Please note that some of the documents to which you have requested access contain personal data. This is reason why names of individuals are generally not indicated.

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 Community legislation regarding the protection of personal data. The applicable legislation in this field is 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 data¹.

¹ Official Journal L 8 of 12.1.2001, p. 1

When access is requested to documents containing personal data, Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 becomes fully applicable².

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.

I consider that, with the information available, the necessity of disclosing the aforementioned personal data to you has not been established and/or that it cannot be assumed that such disclosure would not prejudice the legitimate rights of the persons concerned. Therefore, I am disclosing a version of the documents requested in which these personal data have been edited out.

In case you would disagree with the assessment that those data are personal data, which can only be disclosed if such disclosure is legitimate under the applicable rules on the protection of personal data, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, 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 5/288
B-1049 Bruxelles or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

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Head of Unit

Encl. List of meetings – related correspondence

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