Dear Ms Cann,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2019/5360

We refer to your e-mail dated 19.09.2019 registered on 19.09.2019 in which you make a request for access to documents, under the above mentioned reference number.

We enclose a copy of the documents requested.

Please note that these documents were drawn up for internal use, under the responsibility of the relevant services. They solely reflect the services’ interpretation of the interventions made, and do not set out any official position of the third parties to which the documents refer. Such third parties were not consulted on the documents’ content. The documents do not reflect the position of the Commission and cannot be quoted as such.

1. Scope of your request

Your request was formulated as follows:

Under the right of access to documents in the EU treaties, as developed in Regulation 1049/2001, and further to 2019/1361, I would like to request

- a list of all lobby meetings held with the Secretariat General, since 8 March 2019, where the classification of titanium dioxide (TiO2) was discussed
  - the list should include the names of the individuals and organisations attending;
  - the date;
  - any agendas / minutes / notes produced.
I would additionally like to receive any position papers, emails, or other correspondence which relates to the classification of titanium dioxide (TiO2).

2. Identification and assessment of the concerned documents

Your application has been found to concern the documents listed in the Annex I.

With reference to the part of your request concerning "the list and information relative to the list of any lobby meetings held with the Secretariat General, since 8 March 2019, where the classification of titanium dioxide (TiO2) was discussed", please note that no meeting was held about this topic since 8 March 2019.

With reference to the part of your request concerning "any position papers, emails, or other correspondence which relates to the classification of titanium dioxide (TiO2)", you will find in Annex I the documents relevant to your application.

3. Protection of personal data

Please note that the documents contain some personal data, which have been expunged in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2018/17251) and to the internal rules of procedure of the Commission.

4. Means of redress

In case you would disagree with the assessment that the redacted 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 (EC) No 1049/2001, to submit 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-C.1
BERL 5/282
B-1049 Bruxelles

or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

1 Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC.
Yours sincerely,

Enclosures: Annex I – list of documents
Ares(2019)5664773
Ares(2019)4080131
Ares(2019)5687001
Ares(2019)4894280
Ares(2019)5787843

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