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Subject: Your request registered under Gestdem reference No 2019/6234

Dear Ms Down,

We refer to your application of 31/10/2019, registered on the same day under the above-mentioned reference number, by which you made a request pursuant to Regulation 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents¹.

You requested: "All details, correspondence and minutes relating to meetings between the Taskforce on Article 50 negotiations with the United Kingdom and the tobacco industry or packaging industry since 1 May 2016. All details, correspondence and minutes relating to meetings involving the Taskforce on Article 50 negotiations with the United Kingdom in which the Track and Trace system for tobacco products or tobacco taxes were discussed since 1 May 2016."

We have to inform you that the Task Force did not hold any meeting with "the tobacco industry or packaging industry" and there were no meetings "in which the Track and Trace system for tobacco products or tobacco taxes were discussed". Therefore, the Task Force does have any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application.

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¹ Official Journal L145 of 31.05.2001, p.43.

Indeed, 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 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 Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

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Secretariat-General
Unit C.1. 'Transparency, Document Management and Access to Documents' (SG.C.1)
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Yours sincerely,

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