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Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2020/5376

Dear Mr Harmsen,

I refer to your e-mail of 7 September 2020, completed by another one of 11 September 2020, in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 11 September 2020, under the above-mentioned reference number.

You submitted some identical applications to different Directorates-General of the Commission, including Directorate-General 'Environment' (DG ENV). Your application concerns:

'All correspondence (including letters, emails, text messages), agendas, minutes of meetings, minutes of phone calls, reports and (policy) documents in general (including all possible draft versions) in relation to the CETA Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (between September 21st 2017 and September 1st 2020). More information about the the CETA Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures can be found here: <http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=1811>'.

This issue is not under the responsibility of DG ENV. Therefore, I inform you that DG ENV does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the requested Directorate-General. Given that no such documents, corresponding to the description given in your application, are held by DG ENV, my services are not in a position to fulfil your request.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 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:

European Commission
Secretariat-General
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)
BERL 7/076
B-1049 Brussels

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

Yours faithfully,

(e-signed)
Florika FINK- HOOIJER