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Subject: Your application for access to documents Ref GestDem No 2020/5384

Dear Mr Harmsen,

We refer to your request for public access to documents of 11 September 2020, registered on 12 September 2020, under the above-mentioned reference number. Your request concerns "all correspondence (including letters, emails and text messages), agendas, minutes of meetings, minutes of phone calls, reports and any kind of other policy documents, where the German laboratory LPT (Laboratory of Pharmacology and Toxicology) was discussed/mentioned/referred to, especially, but not exclusively, in relation to possible fraud/forgery of test data and/or mistreatment of test animals."

Your request covers the period from 1 December 2018 to 1 September 2020.

Having searched our records, we would like to inform you that we do not hold any document that corresponds to your request. 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 institution.

Given that no such documents, corresponding to the description given in your application, are held by the Secretariat-General, we are not in a position to follow up on your request.

Please note that this reply concerns only documents held by the Secretariat-General. Your requests concerning other services were registered under separate numbers and will be handled by those services.

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:

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Yours sincerely,

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