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Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/3326

Dear Madam,

We refer to your e-mail dated 19/05/2021 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 20/05/2021 under the above mentioned reference number.

You request access to: *all documents—including but not limited to correspondence, emails, minutes (hand written or electronic), notes (hand written or electronic), meeting conclusions, audio or video recordings, verbatim reports, operational conclusions, lines to take, briefings, and presentations—related to the meeting on 22nd April 2020 between Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle and Jorge Pinto Antunes, with the Fédération Européenne des Fabricants d'Aliments Composés (FEFAC), Comité du commerce des céréales, aliments du bétail, oléagineux, huile d'olive, huiles et graisses et agrofournitures de l'U.E. (COCERAL), and The EU Vegetable Oil and Proteinmeal Industry (FEDIOL).*

We have identified two documents with one annex falling within the scope of your request. You will find enclosed the list of the documents identified, as well as copies of them.

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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

Secretariat-General

Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)
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Yours faithfully,

Karl von Kempis
Head of Unit

Enclosure: List of the documents identified and two documents with one annex