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The Director-General

Brussels GROW.B.1/MS

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Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/8104

Dear Madam,

We refer to your e-mail of 13 December 2021 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 16 December 2021 under the above-mentioned reference number, and to your e-mail of 20 December 2021 clarifying your request.

You request access to:

For the period between 2019 to date:

"1. a list of all meetings and/or calls between the Directorate-General Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs and the GD4S lobby group, including any Cabinet Members and/or officials, during which projects on synthetic fuels and/or projects on hydrogen were discussed.

The list should include: date, individuals attending and organisational affiliation, as well as the issues discussed;

- all minutes and other reports of these meetings and/or calls;
- all documents prepared for the purpose of the meetings issued both in preparation and after the meetings took place.
- all correspondence, including attachments (i.e. any emails, mail correspondence or telephone call notes) between the Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs including any Cabinet Members and/or officials, and GD4S lobby group discussing "synthetic fuel" and/or "hydrogen".
- 2. all documents sent by the GD4S lobby group to the DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs related to their synthetic fuel projects and/or their hydrogen projects".

With the following clarification:

"1. Regarding the list request, I confirm that "Including any Cabinet Members and / or officials" concerns specifically the Cabinet of Commissioner Thierry Breton to which DG GROW depends.

2. I would like to receive the list of all meetings and calls between the Directorate-General Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs and the GD4S lobby group, including any Cabinet Members and / or officials, during which projects on synthetic fuels and projects on hydrogen were discussed, together with all available documents relating to these meetings and calls".

We regret to inform you that the Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMES (DG GROW) 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 institution.

Given that no such documents, corresponding to the description given in your application, are held by DG GROW, DG GROW is 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: <u>sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu</u>.

Yours faithfully,

Electronically signed

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