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Subject: Your access to documents request with reference Gestdem 2022/3341

Dear Ms Owens,

We refer to your e-mail dated 1 June 2022 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 9 June 2022 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You requested access to [a]ll *documentation, including, but not limited to, attendance lists, agendas, background papers, minutes/notes and email correspondence about or summarising all correspondence between industry, farmers, foresters and their associations regarding the initiative titled "Climate change – restoring sustainable carbon cycles". Including, but not limited to any meetings with the following entities:*

- *Industry associations: Copa Cogeca, European Dairy Association, UECEV, European Meat Network, Business Europe, CEPI, FoodDrinkEurope and FuelsEurope*
- *Companies: Arla, Danone, Nestle, Shell, Total, Unilever, Danish Crown, Toennies Group.*

DG CLIMA has identified the following documents within the scope of the application:

	Author	Date	Reference
1	European Commission	26/11/2021	Ares(2021)7434783
2	European Commission	17/12/2021	Ares(2021)7821803
3	European Commission	17/12/2021	Ares(2021)7821803
4	European Commission	17/12/2021	Ares(2021)7821803
5	European Commission	17/12/2021	Ares(2021)7821803

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7	European Commission	17/12/2021	Ares(2021)7821803
8	European Commission	17/12/2021	Ares(2021)7821803
9	European Commission	17/12/2021	Ares(2021)7821803
10	European Commission	17/12/2021	Ares(2021)7821803
11	Arla	11/01/2022	Ares(2022)177458
12	Arla	11/01/2022	Ares(2022)177458
13	European Commission	14/02/2022	Ares(2022)1061012
14	European Commission	14/02/2022	Ares(2022)1061012
15	European Commission	14/02/2022	Ares(2022)1061012
16	European Commission	14/02/2022	Ares(2022)1061012
17	European Commission	25/02/2022	Ares(2022)1433393
18	FoodDrink	21/06/2022	Ares(2022)4546611

Following an examination of the documents under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, I regret to inform you that a complete disclosure of the documents is prevented by the exception concerning the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual outlined in Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001. The documents contain: names and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management and names of other natural persons and information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person.

Article 9(1)(b) of the Data Protection Regulation does not allow the transmission of these personal data, except if you prove that it is necessary to have the data transmitted to you for a specific purpose in the public interest and where there is no reason to assume that the legitimate interests of the data subject might be prejudiced. In your request, you do not express any particular interest to have access to these personal data nor do you put forward any arguments to establish the necessity to have the data transmitted for a specific purpose in the public interest.

Consequently, I conclude that, pursuant to Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access cannot be granted to the personal data contained in the documents, as the need to obtain access thereto for a purpose in the public interest has not been substantiated and there is no reason to think that the legitimate interests of the individuals concerned would not be prejudiced by disclosure of the personal data concerned.

As regards document 1, it was drawn up for internal use under the responsibility of the relevant officials of DG CLIMA. It solely reflects the author's interpretation of the interventions made and does not set out any official position of the third parties to which the documents refer, which were not consulted on the content. It does not reflect the position of the Commission and cannot be quoted as such.

In case you would disagree with this position, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, to submit 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'
BERL 7/076
B-1049 Brussels, or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours faithfully,

(Electronically signed)

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