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Subject: Your confirmatory application for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 – EASE 2022/7351

Dear Ms Bundschuh,

I am writing in reference to your confirmatory application registered on 12 June 2023, submitted in accordance with Article 7(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents ¹ (hereafter 'Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001').

Your confirmatory application was submitted in relation to your initial application of 20 December 2022, registered on the same day, in which you requested access to:

'Documents which contain the following information:

1) a list of meetings of DG Trade officials and/or representatives (including the Commissioner and the Cabinet) and representatives of car companies or car industry associations, such as Audi, BMW, Daimler, Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, Groupe PSA, Mercedes Benz, Stellantis, Volkswagen, European Automobile Manufacturers Association (ACEA), Verband der Automobilindustrie (VDA), in which the modernization of the EU-Mexico trade agreement was discussed (since 1 January 2016);

¹ OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43.

2) detailed minutes and other reports of these meetings;

3) all correspondence (including emails, letters, phone calls) between DG Trade officials and/or representatives (including the Commissioner and the Cabinet) and representatives of car companies or car industry associations, such as Audi, BMW, Daimler, Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, Groupe PSA, Mercedes Benz, Stellantis, Volkswagen, European Automobile Manufacturers Association (ACEA), Verband der Automobilindustrie (VDA), in which the modernization of the EU-Mexico trade agreement was discussed (since 1 January 2016).'

The initial request was assigned the Directorate-General for Trade. As you did not receive an initial reply within the statutory time limits, you submitted a confirmatory application on 7 June 2023.

In the meantime, the initial reply in question was sent to you on 10 July 2023 (under reference number Ares(2023)4258422).

Against this background, the Secretariat-General will close your confirmatory application related to the lack of initial reply.

You remain entitled to submit a new confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, should you wish to request a review of the initial reply of 10 July 2023.

Yours sincerely,

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