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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – EASE 2023/1348**

Dear Madam,

We refer to your e-mail of 25 February 2023 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2023 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You requested access to the following documents:

*“All documentation (including but not limited to all email correspondence, attendance lists, agendas, background papers, transcripts, recordings and minutes/notes) relating to the meetings listed below:*

- 1. Between Manufacture Française des Pneumatiques Michelin, Commissioner Thierry Breton and Cabinet member Joan Canton on 07/10/22.*
- 2. Between Manufacture Française des Pneumatiques Michelin and Commissioner Thierry Breton on 02/06/22”.*

We have identified two enclosed documents which fall within the scope of point 2 of your request:

- Ares(2022)3425695: Demande de rendez-vous Michelin
- Ares(2022)4182416: Remerciements de Michelin

We have not identified any other documents falling within the scope of your request.

A complete disclosure of the identified 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, because they contain the following personal data:

- the names/initials, contact information and functions of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management;
- the names/initials, contact details and functions of other natural persons.

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 requested document, 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.

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 to the Secretariat-General of the Commission within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter. You can submit it in one of the following ways:

**by asking for a review via your portal<sup>1</sup> account** (available only for initial requests submitted via the portal account),

**or by mail:**

European Commission  
Secretariat-General  
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)  
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**or by email to:** [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

Yours faithfully,

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*(e-signed)*

Enclosures: 2

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-request>