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**Subject: Your application for access to documents N° 2024/1926**

Dear Mr Teffer,

We refer to your request for access to European Commission documents registered on 8 April 2024 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You requested access to: *All documents the Commission received in the context of an ad-hoc consultation process took place with organisations and governments agencies involved in agricultural policy, mentioned in 2024/0073 (COD) from 15.03.2024 on p. 3-4.*

We have identified 5 documents with annexes falling under the scope of your request. Please kindly note that these documents are publicly available on the [EASE portal](#). You can retrieve these documents in the ‘Search by Reference’ criteria by filtering it with following references:

[Ares\(2024\)1146179](#) -IFOAM,  
[Ares\(2024\)1112420](#) -ECVC,  
[Ares\(2024\)1196158](#) -CEJA,  
[Ares\(2024\)1196022](#) -COPA-COGECA - reply1,  
[Ares\(2024\)1335881](#) -COPA-COGECA -reply2.

As regards some of these documents, their complete disclosure 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 also contain the following personal data:

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

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Article 9(1)(b) of the Data Protection Regulation <sup>(1)</sup> 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, we 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 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.

Please note that documents originating from third parties are disclosed to you based on Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001. However, this disclosure is without prejudice to the rules on intellectual property, which may limit your right to reproduce or exploit the released documents without the agreement of the originator, who may hold an intellectual property right on them. The European Commission does not assume any responsibility for their reuse.

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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>2</sup> account** (available only for initial requests submitted via the portal account),

**or by post:**

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)

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<sup>(1)</sup> Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC, OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 3.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-request>

Yours faithfully,

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Enclosure: list of identified documents and type of disclosure