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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 254/2016

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

We refer to your e-mail dated 19/01/2016 in which you made a request for access to documents, registered under the above mentioned reference number.

Your request was the following:

According to the REACH Regulation, Annex XVII, Points 16 and 17, lead carbonates and lead sulphates shall not be placed on the market, or used, as substances or in mixtures, where the substance or mixture is intended for use as paint.

However, Member States may, in accordance with the provisions of International Labour Organization (ILO) Convention 13, permit the use on their territory of the substance or mixture for the restoration and maintenance of works of art and historic buildings and their interiors, as well as the placing on the market for such use. Where a Member State makes use of this derogation, it shall inform the Commission thereof.

We are kindly asking the Commission to send us the list of Member States and other countries applying the REACH that have informed the Commission about their intention to use this derogation.

Please note that the Commission has received no application for derogation from any Member States regarding lead carbonates and lead sulphates.

Yours faithfully,

Klaus Berend
Head of Unit