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Re: Extension of the deadline to reply to your request for public access to documents of 17 May 2017

Our ref.: PAD 2017/038

Dear Mr Pigeon,

Further to our letter of 19 May 2017, by means of which we acknowledged the receipt of your request for public access PAD 2017/038, I would like to reiterate the fact that your request is being processed as quickly as possible in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 on public access to documents<sup>1</sup>.

However, we regret to inform you that due to the fact that your request relates to a large number of documents for which EFSA needs to clarify the confidential status, some of which in the ownership of several third parties, and the time-consuming nature of the third-party consultation foreseen under Article 4(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, we have to extend the deadline by 15 working days in accordance with Article 7(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001. Please accept our apologies.

You will receive an answer by 4 July 2017 at the latest.

Yours sincerely,

[SIGNED]

Dirk Detken

Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents, OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43-48, applicable to EFSA.