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**Subject: Your confirmatory application for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 – GESTDEM 2018/1754**

Dear Ms Renshaw,

I refer to your e-mail of 16 May 2018, registered on 24 May 2018, through which you submit a confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents<sup>1</sup> ('Regulation 1049/2001').

In your initial application of 22 March 2018, addressed to the Directorate-General for Trade, you requested access to:

- 'all reports (and other notes) from meetings between Directorate General for Trade and representatives of the tobacco industry (producers, distributors, importers etc, as well as trade associations and chambers of commerce, or other organisations and individuals that work to further the interests of the tobacco industry) related to the EU-Mercosur negotiations, since January 1st 2017;
- all correspondence (including emails) between the European Commission and representatives of the tobacco industry (producers, distributors, importers etc, as

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<sup>1</sup> Official Journal L 145 of 31.5.2001, p. 43.

well as trade associations and chambers of commerce, or other organisations and individuals that work to further the interests of the tobacco industry) since January 1st 2017;

- a list of all the above-mentioned documents (including dates, names of participants/senders/recipients and their affiliation, subject of meeting/correspondence).<sup>2</sup>

As you did not receive any initial reply from the Directorate-General for Trade within the statutory deadlines, you submitted a confirmatory application on 16 May 2018, against the tacit refusal of access to the documents requested.

On 25 May 2018, the Directorate-General for Trade sent you an initial reply to your application, providing partial access to the documents identified.

The reason for your confirmatory application was the absence of any initial reply. As the Directorate-General for Trade has in the meantime fully replied to your application, the Secretariat-General will close your confirmatory application<sup>2</sup>.

Yours sincerely,



Martin Kröger  
Head of Unit

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<sup>2</sup> Without prejudice to your right to submit a new confirmatory application if you do not agree with the position of the Directorate-General for Trade, as reflected in its reply of 25 May 2018.