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**Subject: Request for access to documents: A study by Paul Römken et al from Wageningen University on cadmium balances in EU soil**

Dear Ms Gilbert,

In the EEA's letter to you of 26 April 2018 in response to your request by e-mail of 5 April 2018 to access to documents related to a study done by Paul Römken et al from Wageningen University on cadmium balances in EU soil in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001<sup>1</sup> we informed you that we would respond to your request to documents relating to meetings or communications with Paul Römken regarding the study at a later stage pursuant to Article 8(2) of the Regulation.

The investigation of documents possessed by the EEA falling under your request has been completed. The EEA has identified nine e-mails in its possession, that have either been sent to or received by Paul Römken and which concern the study in question (see list below). The identified e-mails have been reviewed and redacted in accordance with Article 4(1)(b) of the Regulation in order to protect the privacy and the integrity of individuals, in particular in accordance with Community legislation regarding the protection of personal data. Six of the e-mails contained attachments relating to the study and/or meetings regarding the study. The attachments have likewise been reviewed and redacted in accordance with Article 4(1)(b) of the Regulation.

The following e-mails will be sent to you by e-mail together with this letter:

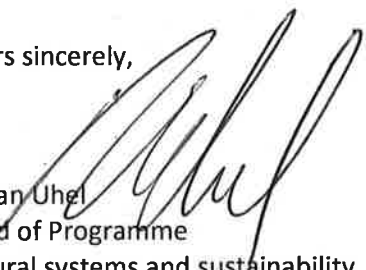
1. RE: Overview soils in 1.8.2.1; 16 October 2017 (one attachment);
2. RE: Follow up to today's ETC ULS conference call on soil; 10 January 2018 (one attachment);
3. RE: More information on the Wageningen meeting; 16 January 2018 (one attachment);
4. RE: My presentation; 18 January 2018 (two attachments);
5. RE: AW: My presentation; 24 January 2018;
6. Minutes of the Wageningen meeting; 2 February 2018 (one attachment);
7. abstract FAO Soil Pollution Rome May; 6 February 2018;
8. FW: QPR4; follow up for ETC-ULS: some more information on current situation with Cd; 12 February 2018 (one attachment);

<sup>1</sup> 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 of 31.5.2001, p. 43) applicable to the EEA by virtue of Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 401/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 on the European Environment Agency and the European Environment Information and Observation Network (OJ L 126 of 21.5.2009, p. 13).

9. RE: Progress on simulation of Cadmium accumulation in soils; 17 March 2018.

Please be informed that in accordance with Article 7(2) of the Regulation, you may, within fifteen working days from receipt of this letter, make a confirmatory application requesting the EEA to review its position with regard to access to the requested documents.

Yours sincerely,



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Enclosure: Nine e-mails (including attachments) redacted in accordance with Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.