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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Internal review of access to documents request - Organic farming regulation - No GestDem 2017/6695
- [REDACTED] - CONFIRMATORY REQUEST
Date: lundi 8 janvier 2018 17:08:57

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your email dated 08/01/2018, by which you request, pursuant to Regulation No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents, a review of the position taken by DG AGRI in reply to your initial application GESTDEM 2017/6695.

We hereby acknowledge receipt of your confirmatory application for access to documents which was registered on 08/01/2018 (Ares(2018)105533).

Your application will be handled within 15 working days (29/01/2018). In case this time limit needs to be extended, you will be informed in due course.

Please be informed that the answer to your confirmatory application is a formal Commission decision that will be notified to you by express delivery.

We kindly offer you the possibility to provide us a contact phone number (by email to Sg-Acc-xxx@xx.xxxxxx.xx), so that the external delivery service can contact you in case of absence.

Please note that the Commission will not use your phone number for any other purpose than for informing the delivery service, and that it will delete it immediately thereafter.

Yours faithfully,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 08, 2018 3:58 PM
To: AGRI ACCESS DOCUMENTS
Subject: Internal review of access to documents request - Organic farming regulation

Dear Madam, Sir,

Please pass this on to the person who reviews confirmatory applications.

I am filing the following confirmatory application with regards to my access to documents request 'Organic farming regulation', which was registered on 03/11/2017 under reference number GestDem 2017/6695.

In the Commission's reply dated 19/12/2017, Mr Jerzy Plewa writes that of the 88 documents that have been identified, only three could be made public (one had already been made public).

The reason given is that the proposed legislation has not yet been voted on in parliament and council.

“As long as the inter-institutional decision-making process has not been finalised, disclosure to the public of the preliminary views and the positions expressed in the trilogue meetings by the representatives from the Commission, the Council and the Parliament would entail a reasonably foreseeable and specific risk of putting the inter-institutional decision-making process under external pressure, thereby jeopardising the compromises reached.”

However, this stance poses considerable problems for European democracy. It would mean that the decision-making process would only become public after the proposed regulation has already been adopted.

If citizens, potentially via media, are not able to know the steps leading up to the final compromise text, they are not well-informed enough to tell their MEPs or national governments representing them in the Council whether they would like the legislative proposal to be supported. This could seriously undermine their potential to influence policy-making.

All the best,

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