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Dear Mr Laarman,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2020/2206

We refer to your e-mail dated 15 May 2020 in which you reply to our fair solution proposal.

We appreciate your effort in reducing the scope of your request. However, even though you have restricted the scope to only documents concerning the active substance sulfoxaflor, your application still concerns a large number of documents, which cannot be assessed within the extended deadline of 15 + 15 working days.

According to our estimates, the handling of your request would take 39 working days, broken down as follows:

- identification of the documents falling under your request: 17 working days;
- retrieval and establishment of a complete list of the documents identified: 5 working days;
- assessment of the content of the documents in light of the exceptions of Article 4 of Regulation 1049/2001: 3 working days;
- third-party/EFSA consultations under Article 4(4) and/or 4(5) of Regulation 1049/2001: 5 working days;
- final assessment of the documents in light of the comments received: 2 working days;
- drafting of the reply: 1 working day;
- redaction of those parts of the documents to which one or several exceptions apply(ies): 3 working days;
- internal approval of the draft decision on your request: 3 working days;

Based on the above-mentioned provisions and time evaluation, we would kindly ask you to narrow down the temporal scope of your request, so as to reduce it further to a more manageable amount of documents.

We would suggest to further restrain the temporal scope and include only documents since 1 March 2019.

Please be aware that you may find documents from before that date relevant to this substance that have already been disclosed following previous access to documents requests published on the Commission website: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/dyna/extdoc>. You can look in particular at GestDem 2018/3664, GestDem 2017/6336 and GestDem 2015/4749

You can view the disclosed documents by entering the GestDem reference ("2018/3664 " or "2017/6336" or "2015/4749") in the search box at the top of the page.

Alternatively, you can click on "view documents per request" and search on the left column for the GestDem reference ("2018/3664 " or "2017/6336" or "2015/4749").

In order to enable us to respect the time-limits of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, we would ask you for a swift reply to our invitation to propose a fair solution, within five working days at the latest:

- by email to: sante-consult-e4@ec.europa.eu
- by postal mail to: DG SANTE – UNIT E4, Rue Froissart 101, B-1049 Brussels

If you have any questions concerning the invitation, you can contact us:

- by email at: sante-consult-e4@ec.europa.eu

In the absence of a reply within five working days, we will unilaterally restrict the scope of your application as suggested above.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Yours faithfully,

Klaus Berend
Head of Unit