Brussels, ENV/B.2

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By email:

Dear Mr Harmsen.

## Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2020-5417

We refer to your email of 11/09/2020 in which you make a request for access to documents registered under the above-mentioned reference number.

You requested the following: "documents which contain the following information:

- all correspondence (including letters, emails and text messages), agendas, minutes of meetings, minutes of phone calls, reports and any kind of other policy documents, where the German laboratory LPT (Laboratory of Pharmacology and Toxicology) was discussed/mentioned/referred to, especially, but not exclusively, in relation to possible fraud/forgery of test data and/or mistreatment of test animals. Time frame of this request: Between December 1st 2018 and September 1st 2020."

Your application is currently being handled. However, we have not been in a position to complete the handling of your application within the time limit of 15 working days.

An extended time limit is needed, as your application concerns documents for which other services and third parties are in the process of being consulted.

Therefore, we have to extend the time limit with 15 working days in accordance with Article 7(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents. The new time limit expires on 27/10/2020.

We apologise for this delay and for any inconvenience this may cause.

Yours faithfully,