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Dear Sir,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/0504

We refer to your e-mail of 26/01/2021 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 26/01/2021 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to: *all the documents concerning the emergency authorisations since 29 May 2018 for the three substances thiamethoxam, imidacloprid and clothianidin, of which the use was restricted by the regulations 2018/783, 2018/784 and 2018/785 of 29 May 2018.*

Please note that due to the wide scope of your request, covering also areas falling under the responsibility of other Directorates-General, parts of your request have been attributed to other Directorates-General¹. This reply relates only to the documents held by the Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI). You will receive the replies from the other respective Directorates-General in due course.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution.

Given that no such documents, corresponding to the description given in your application, are held by DG AGRI, we regret that DG AGRI is not in a position to fulfil your request.

¹ GESTDEM 2021/479 for documents concerning DG Health and Food Safety;
GESTDEM 2021/503 for documents concerning DG Environment
GESTDEM 2021/505 for documents concerning DG Trade

Please note in this regard that emergency authorisations fall within the remit of the Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE), who may hold documents corresponding to the description given in your application.

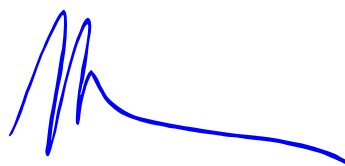
In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

Such a confirmatory application should be addressed within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission
Secretariat-General
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)
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Yours faithfully,



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