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**Subject: Your confirmatory application for access to documents under
Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 - GESTDEM 2021/3003**

Dear Ms Balanya,

I refer to your e-mail of 8 July 2021, registered on 12 July 2021, in which you submit a confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents¹ (hereafter 'Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001').

Your confirmatory application was submitted in relation to your initial application of 6 May 2021 in which you requested, I quote:

'1 - all correspondence (including email) between 1st January 2021 and 6th May 2021 between Commissioner Simson, Commissioner Timmermans, Commissioner Breton, President van der Leyen, Commissioner Dombrovskis, and/or their cabinets and/or officials from DG Energy, DG Climate, DG Growth, DG Trade and Secretariat General on one hand and stakeholders on the other, where the issue of the carbon border adjustment mechanism is addressed.

2 - list of meetings/videocalls/calls between 1st December 2020 and 6th May 2021 between officials and/or representatives of the European Commission and stakeholders where the issue of the carbon border adjustment mechanism is addressed.

¹ OJ L 145 of 31.5.2001, p. 43.

3 - minutes of the meetings/videocalls/calls mentioned above.’

The initial request was assigned to the Directorate-General for Trade. As you did not receive an initial reply from that Directorate-General within the statutory time limits, you submitted a confirmatory application on 8 July 2021.

In the meantime, the initial reply in question was sent to you on 16 July 2021. In its reply, the Directorate-General for Trade identified 14 documents and provided you with a list of these documents. It partially disclosed these documents based on the exception laid down in Article 4(1)(b) (protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.

Against this background, the Secretariat-General will close your confirmatory application related to the lack of initial reply.

You remain entitled to submit a new confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, should you wish to request a review of the initial reply of 16 July 2021.

Yours sincerely,

María Oliván Avilés
Head of Unit