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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2021/5608

Dear Mr Teffer,

I refer to your application dated 16 September 2021, in which you make a request for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001<sup>1</sup> ('Regulation 1049/2001'), registered on 17 September 2021 under the above mentioned reference number.

You request access to:

'All documents - including but not limited to minutes, (hand-written) notes, audio recordings, verbatim reports, text messages, operational conclusions, lines to take, briefings, e-mails, letters, and presentations - related to any contact Commissioner Phil Hogan has had with representatives of DLA Piper, from 1 December 2019 to 26 August 2020.'

We regret to inform you that we do not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation 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 the Commission, DG TRADE is not in a position to fulfil your request.

Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43).

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 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:

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Yours sincerely,

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