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Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/6311

Dear Madam,

We refer to your e-mail of 21 October 2021 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 21 October 2021 under the above-mentioned reference number.

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

DG ENV has not exchanged correspondence with ACEA dedicated to environmental issues related to "hydrogen vehicles" and/or "electric vehicles" and/or "batteries" and/or "hydrogen". DG ENV had exchanges with ACEA on the implementation and review of EU legislation within its remits without distinguishing between fossil fuel powered vehicles and "hydrogen vehicles" and/or "electric vehicles" and/or "batteries" and/or "hydrogen".

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 the Commission, the Commission is not in a position to fulfil your request.

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) BERL 7/076 B-1049 Brussels

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Yours faithfully,

e-signed Florika FINK-HOOIJER