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Ms Lora Verheecke
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By email with acknowledgment of receipt:

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Dear Ms Verheecke,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2022/4679

We refer to your e-mail of 17 August 2022 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 25 August 2022 under the above-mentioned reference number.

1. Scope of your request

In your request, you asked on the basis of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access to a list of meetings since 1 January 2021, between officials/representatives/experts of DG SANTE and any external stakeholders representing the interests of Danish Crown.

2. Identification and assessment of relevant documents

We regret to inform you that the Commission does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application ¹.

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.

¹ If the document(s) was(ere) eliminated as part of a file which has been eliminated in accordance with the Commission's internal retention rules as defined in the Common Commission-level retention list for European Commission files, SEC(2012)713, services can possibly add: "This(ese) document(s) were eliminated in accordance with the Common Commission-level retention list for European Commission files, SEC(2012)713."

Please note that this reason will only be valid for documents that are filed in one or more files that all have been eliminated. When there is still one active/closed file in which a document is filed, the document still exists. In case of a procedure of administrative elimination (for instance, non-retained proposals/candidates), it is very likely that the documents, by their very nature, are only filed in one file. In these cases the likelihood of the documents really being eliminated is relatively high.

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.

3. Means of redress

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
Unit C.1. 'Transparency, Document Management and Access to Documents'
BERL 7/076
B-1049 Brussels,

or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

4. Acknowledgment of receipt

According to the standard operational procedure, the reply is sent by e-mail only. We would therefore appreciate if you could explicitly confirm receipt of the e-mail within 5 working days by replying to sante-consult-d1@ec.europa.eu.

5. Additional information

The Danish Crown is a signatory of the Code of Conduct on Responsible Food Business and Marketing Practices, that was launched in July 2021. As such, the Danish Crown has put forward an individual pledge and has participated to stakeholders meetings or high level events of the Code of conduct.

All documents (lists of meetings, recordings, reports, individual pledges) can be found at the following link: https://food.ec.europa.eu/horizontal-topics/farm-fork-strategy/sustainable-food-processing/code-conduct_en.

Yours faithfully,

[e-signed]
Sandra GALLINA