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Subject: Your application for access to documents – EASE 2022/6626

Dear Mr Lowes,

Your email of 15 November 2022 has been registered as a formal request for documents under the above mentioned reference number. In your e-mail you make a request for access to documents and you ask for a copy of a number of documents linked to case C-215/06, *Commission v. Ireland*.

In particular you ask for a copy of the letter of formal notice of 5 April 2001, the reasoned opinion of 21 December 2001, the additional letter of formal notice of 7 July 2004 and the Irish response of 8 March 2005. Please find enclosed copies of these four documents.

With regard to these documents, a complete disclosure of the identified documents is prevented by the exception concerning the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual outlined in Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, because they contain the following personal data:

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Yours sincerely,

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