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Subject: Confirmatory application for access to a document under Regulation 1049/2001 - Gestdem 2011/5059

Dear Mr Zinser,

I refer to your e-mail of 28 December 2011, registered 4 January 2012, in which you require, pursuant to Regulation No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents¹, review of the position taken by the Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development on 19 October and 21 December 2011, in reply to your initial application of 28 September and 19 October 2011.

Your application is currently being handled. Unfortunately, your request raises complex questions on the technical and legal environment of payments in the framework of the Common Agricultural Policy. This makes an extensive dialogue with the respective legal and technical experts necessary, which requires more time. In consequence, we have not yet been able to gather all the elements we need in order to take a final decision and, therefore, we are not in a position to reply to your confirmatory request within the prescribed time limit expiring 25 January 2012. Consequently, we have to extend this period by another 15 working days in accordance with Article 8(2) of Regulation 1049/2001. The new deadline expires on 15 February 2012. I apologize for any inconvenience this delay may cause.

Yours sincerely,

Marc Maes
Deputy Head of Unit

¹ OJ L145, 31.05.2001, p.43.