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By email only

Dear Mr Harmsen,

Subject: Your applications for access to documents – Ref GestDem 2016/7243, 2016/7261 and 2017/40

We refer to your emails dated 22/12/2016 and 03/01/2017 in which you make three requests for access to documents, registered on 23/12/2016 and 03/01/2017 under the above mentioned reference numbers.

In the letter to you registered as Ares(2017)354636, DG SANTE proposed to you to release, at regular intervals, batches of documents cleared for release and to give you a reasoned opinion explaining why some documents cannot be entirely or partially disclosed. You agreed to our proposal for a fair solution on 17/01/2017 and this holding reply concerns the third batch of documents.

Your application is currently being handled. However, we will not be in a position to complete the handling of this part of your application within the time limit of 15 working days, which expires on 24/03/2017.

An extended time limit is needed as the request relates to a very large number of documents. Therefore, we have to extend the time limits with 15 working days in accordance with Article 7(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents. The new time limit expires on 19/04/2017.

We apologies for this delay and for any inconvenience this may cause.

Yours faithfully,

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