

## HEAD OF THE LEGAL AND ASSURANCE SERVICES

Parma, 12 July 2017 Ref. DD/CP/mm (2017) - out-18035347

Benedek Jávor
Member of the European Parliament
Greens/EFA
Michèle Rivasi
Member of the European Parliament
Greens/EFA
Bart Staes
Member of the European Parliament
Greens/EFA

European Parliament Rue Wiertz 60 B-1047 Brussels Belgium

e-mail: <u>ask+request-4410-4246f87b@asktheeu.org</u>

Re: Fair solution for an extension of the deadline to reply to your request for public access to documents submitted on 22 June 2017

Our ref.: PAD 2017/046

Dear Honourable Members of the European Parliament, Ms Rivasi, Mr Jávor, Mr Staes,

Further to our letter of 23 June 2017, by means of which we acknowledged the receipt of your request for public access to documents registered as PAD 2017/046, I would like to reiterate the fact that your request is being processed as quickly as possible in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 on public access to documents<sup>1</sup> (hereinafter "the PAD Regulation").

However, we regret to inform you that EFSA will require sufficient time to process your request due to the large number of documents in the scope of your request on which the consultations with third parties need to be completed in accordance with Article 4(4) and Article 4(5) of the PAD Regulation, as well as the holiday's period impacting on the coordination of our internal work.

For this reason, we would like to confer with you to find a fair solution, in accordance with Article 6(3) of the PAD Regulation. We estimate to be in the position to provide you with a first reply to your public access to documents request by **20 September 2017**. We hope this is agreeable to you. Please accept our apologies for any inconveniences caused by this delay.

Yours sincerely

Dirk Detken

Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents, OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43-48, applicable to EFSA.