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Re: Fair solution for an extension of the deadline to reply to your request for public access to documents submitted on 27 July 2017

Our ref.: PAD 2017/066

Dear Mr Harmsen,

Further to our letter of 28 July 2017, by means of which we acknowledged the receipt of your request for public access to documents registered as PAD 2017/066, please be assured 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 documents¹ (hereinafter "*the PAD Regulation*").

However, we regret to inform you that EFSA will require more time for processing your request, including the completion of consultations with third parties in accordance with Article 4(4) and Article 4(5) of the PAD Regulation. The current holiday period impacts on the progress and coordination of our follow-up 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 reply by **27 September 2017**. We hope this is agreeable to you. Please accept our apologies for any inconveniences caused by this delay.

Yours sincerely,

[Signed]

Dirk Detken

¹ 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.