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Subject: Request for access to documents: A study by Paul Römkens et al from Wageningen University on cadmium balances in EU soil

Dear Ms Gilbert,


By e-mail of 5 April 2018 you requested access to a study by Paul Römkens et al from Wageningen University on cadmium balances in EU soil in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001¹.

The document in question is a draft study that has been developed by a research team belonging to the European Topic Centre on Urban, Land and Soil Systems. The EEA has been informed that the data base contained in the study has meanwhile been updated, and that a new 2018 version of the study with different figures is in preparation.

In accordance with Article 4(4) of the Regulation, which concerns third-party documents, the EEA consulted the author of the study as part of our assessment of whether one of the Regulation's provisions on exceptions apply. Following the consultation, the EEA has decided to grant you access to the study in accordance with Article 10 of the Regulation. Consequently, please find enclosed an electronic version of the study.

Regarding your request to any documents relating to meetings or communications with Paul Römkens, the EEA is in the process of identifying such documents and reviewing them. Due to the fact that this part of the request (1) necessitates extensive investigation of documents possessed by the EEA in order to identify documents falling within your request, and (2) that each such identified document must undergo an assessment of whether it falls within one of the Regulation's exceptions in Article 4, hereunder Article 4(1)(b) on the privacy and the integrity of the individual, the EEA, pursuant to Article 8(2) of the Regulation, will provide you with a reply to this part of your request at a later stage.

Yours sincerely,

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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 of 31.5.2001, p. 43) applicable to the EEA by virtue of Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 401/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 on the European Environment Agency and the European Environment Information and Observation Network (OJ L 126 of 21.5.2009, p. 13).

Enclosure: The study "*A spatially explicit model to calculate Cadmium balances in agro-ecosystems in the EU-27: model description and scenario analysis*" by Paul Römkens et al, Wageningen University.