

EXTENSION OF THE TIME LIMIT

To be sent **before** the 15 working-day time limit expires

Dear Mr Vranken,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2017/4308

We refer to your e-mail dated 31/07/2018 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 09/08/2018 under the above mentioned reference number.

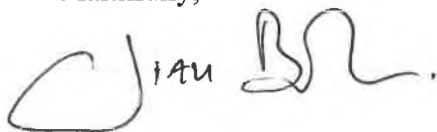
We are currently compiling a comprehensive set of documents in response to your request. This will include agendas for the 5 meetings of the Expert Group over the period end-Jan 2018-July 09 2018, minutes of the 5 Meetings, presentations prepared by the Commission services to support discussions, all e-mails/correspondence from the Commission to the expert group members, and the 3 papers that constitute the output of the Expert Group. We will also send a summary by the Commission services of the principal considerations arising from this work-stream. This last document was not discussed extensively in the Expert Group and will not be published.

However, we will not be in a position to complete the handling of your application within the time limit of 15 working days, which expires on 31/08/2018. An extended time limit is needed as key documents – minutes of 5th meeting and final version of deliverables – are still being finalised after the end of the scrutiny period which terminated on 31/07.

Therefore, we have to extend the time limit with 15 working days in accordance with Article 7(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents so as to send you a single package of documents. The new time limit expires on 20/09/2018.

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

Yours faithfully,



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