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Subject:

Your request on access to documents

Reference:

Your e-mail dated 16 November 2018

Dear Mr Fanta,

Thank you for your e-mail, dated 16 November 2018, in which you request that EASA provides you with "all correspondence, meeting notes and documents relating to the Airbus Zephyr drone" and "all correspondence with Facebook or its representatives on drone projects".

After analysis of your request in accordance with Regulation (EC) No. 1049/2001, we regret to inform you that the correspondence, meeting notes and documents related to Airbus Zephyr drone fall under the exception provided for under Article 4(2) of said Regulation and therefore cannot be disclosed. The requested documents are related to Airbus' current and future drone projects' developments and their release to the public would clearly undermine Airbus' commercial interests.

With regard to your request to access the correspondence with Facebook or its representatives on drone projects, please note that these documents are considered as third-party documents and therefore fall under Article 4(4) of Regulation 1049/2001. For this reason, EASA will consult with Facebook before deciding on whether or not the requested documents can be disclosed. In view of this, EASA will extend the period for responding to your request with 15 additional working days, in accordance with Art. 7(3) of said Regulation.

You are hereby notified that you have a right to request the Agency to reconsider its decision not to disclose the above mentioned documents by making a confirmatory application. In such case, you should send your justified confirmatory application in writing to the Executive Director of the Agency (Postfach 10 12 53, 50452 Cologne, Germany). Please note that you have 15 working days from receipt of this letter to make the confirmatory application. Any confirmatory application received beyond this deadline can not be accepted.

Yours sincerely,

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