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Dear Madam,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2019/1915 and 2019/1908

Under GestDem No 2019/1915 you request access to documents “*which contain the information on:*

- *Ethic and sustainable control of the UE in the textile enterprises the last 3 years*
- *The UE control that are documented in the Textile European Industry with the Environment, Recycling and Supply chain risk (like child labor) around the world.”*

Under GestDem No 2019/1908, you request *documents which contain the following information: The Laws, Commitments, rules impulsed by the UE to the Textile European Enterprises for the respect and protection to the environment and the society. I will like to receive the type of Documents that refers to those Laws impulsed by the EU to protect the ecosystem and the list of Textile European Enterprises that agreed with those rules impulsed by the UE.*

Concerning the relation with the Environment, you will find information on activities related to the textile sector in the following documents that are available online

- Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the implementation of the Circular Economy Action Plan COM(2019)190
http://ec.europa.eu/environment/circular-economy/pdf/report_implementation_circular_economy_action_plan.pdf
- [Staff Working Document on sustainable product](#) (page 35) which lays out (under the section ‘open challenges’) which sectors could be considered for action in the framework of a Circular Economy, also listing what has been done so far and potential possibilities;
- Directive 2008/98/EC on waste lays down measures to protect the environment and human health to the adverse impacts of the generation and management of waste,

including in relation to textile waste.¹ The Directive is also available via <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:02008L0098-20180705>.

- EU GPP criteria for textile products, which defines voluntary green public procurement criteria to support contracting authorities in including environmental requirements in their procurement procedures : http://ec.europa.eu/environment/gpp/eu_gpp_criteria_en.htm
- EU Ecolabel criteria for textile products lay down environmental criteria for companies to be awarded the EU Ecolabel, the label of environmental excellence that is awarded to products and services meeting high environmental standards throughout their life-cycle : http://ec.europa.eu/environment/ecolabel/documents/201703_textiles_annex_with_amendments.pdf

Specifically to the subjects that you have raised, we would advise to contact DG Employment.

Yours sincerely,

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¹ Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on waste and repealing certain Directives, OJ L 312 22.11.2008, p. 3 as last amended by Directive (EU) 2018/851 (OJ L 150, 14.6.2018, p. 109–140).