



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

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Brussels,
SANTE.A.1/CG

Dear Ms Down

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2019/5140

We refer to your e-mail dated 4 September 2019 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on the same date under the above-mentioned reference number.

In your application, you request the following:

- (1) all details, correspondence and minutes relating to meetings between DG SANTE and Everis since 1 May 2013;
- (2) all contracts made between DG SANTE and Everis since 1 May 2013;
- (3) all details, correspondence and minutes relating to meetings between DG SANTE and representatives of ATOS, De La Rue, IBM, Honeywell, Allexis, and other companies involved in the secure printing industry or IT solutions for traceability since 1 May 2013.

After consulting internally, we have come to the conclusion that the description given in your application does not enable us to identify concrete documents which would correspond to your request under point (3).

We therefore invite you, pursuant to Article 6(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, to provide us with more detailed information on the documents you are seeking access to. In particular, we would like you to clarify the meaning of the sentence ‘other companies involved in the secure printing industry or IT solutions for traceability since 1 May 2013’. Further, we would like you to confirm that with “representatives” (of those companies) you refer to someone belonging to the above-mentioned organisations.

In fact, we are not in a position to identify which ‘other companies’ might fall under the scope of your request. The term traceability in your request may have different meanings, depending on the context and policy area in which it is used. We would be grateful if you could clarify how we should apprehend it, so that we can search our files (and respond to your query) as precisely as possible.

By email only to: ask+request-7264-d22b6c08@asktheeu.org

Further information, such as references, dates or periods during which the documents would have been produced, persons or bodies who drafted the documents, policy/administrative area etc. could further help us to identify the relevant documents.

If you need assistance in clarifying or specifying your application, you can contact us by email to SANTE-ACCESS-TO-DOCUMENTS@ec.europa.eu.

In accordance with Article 2, third paragraph of the Implementing Rules to Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001¹, the 15 working days time limit for handling your application will start running when we receive the requested clarifications.

In light of the wide temporal scope of your request (2013-2019) under **points one and two**, please note that DG SANTE still reserves itself the right to make a fair solution proposal, in the event that your request might relate to a very large number of documents in accordance with Article 6.3 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001. In this respect, we would appreciate if you could already specify specific years or policy/administrative issues you are particularly interested in, so that we can first focus the search on those years or policy/administrative issues.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,

(e-signed)

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Head of Unit

¹ Official Journal L 345 of 29.12.2001, p. 94.