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BY E-MAIL AND REGISTERED MAIL WITH ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT

Subject: Request for access to documents

Ref.: Your request of 16 November 2019 registered under reference GestDem 2019/6767

Dear Mr Schindler,

I refer to your email of 16 November 2019 by which you request, under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001¹, access to:

“all information held by the European Commission including the Legal Service concerning the notification requirements of German ancillary copyright law as well as the Spanish ancillary copyright law. This includes any communication between Legal Service and DG Grow preceding and following the request from 2015”.

As you were informed on 11 December 2019, your request has been split between the Legal Service, DG CNECT² and DG GROW³, and registered under references GestDem 2019/6767, GestDem 2019/7172 and GestDem 2019/7175, respectively.

The present reply concerns the part of your request under the competence of the Legal Service.

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 L145, 31.05.2001, page 43).

² Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology.

³ Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs.

After examination of our files, I would like to inform you that the Legal Service has not identified any document matching the terms of your request.

Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 states that “[t]his Regulation shall apply to all documents held by an institution, that is to say, documents drawn up or received by it and in its possession, in all areas of activity of the European Union”. Since the Legal Service does not hold any document corresponding to the description given in your application, it is not in a position to fulfil your request.

Please note that the note N° ARES(2019)7073401 of DG GROW to the attention of Legal Service, which was disclosed in reply to your previous request, was not sent to the Legal Service. Therefore, we have not sent a reply to the said note.

Should you contest the position on the non-identification of documents, you should present in writing, within fifteen working days from receipt of this letter, a confirmatory application to the Commission's Secretariat-General to the following address:

European Commission
Secretariat-General
Unit SG.C.1 “*Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents*”
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Yours sincerely,



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