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Dear Madam,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2020/2223

We refer to your e-mail of 17 April 2020 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 17 April 2020 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to a list of all lobby meetings (including phone calls, conference calls, etc.) held by DG GROW since 1 March 2020 where single-use plastics were discussed, including in the light of the developing coronavirus pandemic.

I consider your request to cover documents held up to the date of your initial application, i.e. 17 April 2020.

1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE DOCUMENTS

Your application concerns the following documents:

Author	Addressee	Title	ARES Ref.
Sateri	Acting Director General GROW	Our position on Single Use Plastics Directive on wet wiper and impact	Ares(2020)1382846
LENZING	Commissioner Breton	Negative effects of SUPD on the European Green Deal	Ares(2020)1066610
Carlo PETTINELLI	Sateri	[Re] Our position on Single Use Plastics	Ares(2020)1964476

		Directive on wet wiper and impact	
Carlo PETTINELLI	LENZING	[Re] Negative effects of SUPD on the European Green Deal	Ares(2020)2035395
DG GROW	Unit GROW/2 (internal registration)	Minutes of the Meeting GROW.D2-EDANA	Ares(2020)2453969
DG GROW	EASTMAN Company	Drafting guidelines SUP Directive - request of a virtual meeting	Ares(2020)2454033

2. PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 4 OF REGULATION 1049/2001

With regard to the documents Ares(2020)1382846, Ares(2020)1066610, Ares(2020)1964476, Ares(2020)2035395, Ares(2020)2453969, Ares(2020)2454033 listed above, a complete disclosure of the identified documents is prevented by the exception concerning the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual outlined in Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, because they contain the following personal data:

- the names/initials and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management;
- the names/initials and contact details of other natural persons;

Article 9(1)(b) of the Data Protection Regulation does not allow the transmission of these personal data, except if you prove that it is necessary to have the data transmitted to you for a specific purpose in the public interest and where there is no reason to assume that the legitimate interests of the data subject might be prejudiced. In your request, you do not express any particular interest to have access to these personal data nor do you put forward any arguments to establish the necessity to have the data transmitted for a specific purpose in the public interest.

Consequently, I conclude that, pursuant to Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access cannot be granted to the personal data contained in the requested documents, as the need to obtain access thereto for a purpose in the public interest has not been substantiated and there is no reason to think that the legitimate interests of the individuals concerned would not be prejudiced by disclosure of the personal data concerned.

3. DISCLAIMERS

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4. MEANS OF REDRESS

In case you would disagree with this position, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, to submit a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

Such a confirmatory application should be addressed within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission
Secretariat-General
Unit C.1. 'Transparency, Document Management and Access to Documents'
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Yours faithfully,

(e-signed)

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