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***By registered letter with  
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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2020/2326**

Dear Sir,

We refer to your e-mail of 22 April 2020 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 22 April 2020 under the above-mentioned reference number.

We regret to inform you that the Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW) does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application, concerning correspondence, minutes and other reports of meetings between the European Commission's DG GROW and representatives of the European Union of Private Hospitals (UEHP) between December 2014 and today.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution.

Given that no such documents, corresponding to the description given in your application, are held by DG GROW, we are not in a position to fulfil your request.

We take this chance, however, to note that since the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2020, all files concerning medical devices previously held by DG GROW have been transferred to the Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE), in compliance with the new competences of the two Directorates-General.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, you are entitled to make 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:

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Secretariat-General  
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Yours faithfully,

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