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Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2020/2582

Dear Sir,

We refer to your e-mail of 6/5/2020 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on the same day under the above-mentioned reference.

You have asked for “*Minutes, notes and other records from the following meetings [...]*”

- 09/11/2017: *Eduard Hulicius, then member of Věra Jourová's cabinet, meeting with Philip Morris International Inc. (PMI). Subject: new technologies diminishing harm to tobacco user.*”

Please note that due to the wide scope of your request, covering also areas falling under the responsibility of other Directorates-General, parts of your request have been attributed to other Directorates-General. This reply relates only to the documents held by the Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers.

We regret to inform you that the DG Justice and Consumers does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application.

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 the Commission, the Commission is not in a position to fulfil your request.

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:

European Commission

Secretariat-General

Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)
BERL 7/076

B-1049 Brussels

or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

According to standard operational procedures, the reply is usually also sent by registered mail. Please note, however, that due to the extraordinary health and security measures currently in force during the COVID-19 epidemic, which include the requirement for all Commission non-critical staff to telework, we are unfortunately not in a position to follow this procedure until further notice.

We would therefore appreciate if you could confirm receipt of the present e-mail by replying to JUST-01@ec.europa.eu.

Yours faithfully,

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