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By e-mail only

Dear Madam,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/3337

We refer to your e-mail of 20 May 2021, in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 21 May 2021 under the above-mentioned reference number. We apologise for the delay in answering and thank you for your understanding.

You request access to “*all documentation (including but not limited to all email correspondence, attendance lists, agendas, background papers, and minutes/notes) relating to the following meeting [...]: Deirdre O’Hea, 18/11/2020, Brussels (virtual), American Chamber of Commerce Ireland (AmCham Ireland), -European Commission priorities postCOVID -Priorities of Commissioner McGuinness -EUUS relationship*”.

Please note that this reply only concerns the part of your request falling under the responsibility of Directorate-General for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union. You received the replies from the Directorate-General for Trade on 15 July 2021 (Ares(2021)4584183).

After detailed searches, we have found that your application for documents related to the meeting between Ms O’Hea and AmCham Ireland concerns the following document: Ares(2020)5714459 – letter from AmCham Ireland to Mr Peter Power, Head of Cabinet of the Commissioner Ms Mairéad McGuinness. You will find it in attachment.

A complete disclosure of the identified document 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 it contains the names and contact information of

Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management, and the names 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 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.

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'
BERL 7/076
B-1049 Brussels, or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours faithfully,

(e-signed)

Head of Unit

Contact: fisma-acces-documents@ec.europa.eu

Annex: Ares(2020)5711459