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Dear Mr Pérez Sangiao,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – EASE 2024/5947

We refer to your email of 7 November 2024 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 8 November 2024 under the above-mentioned reference number.

We also refer to our email of 28 November 2024 extending the time limit to respond to your request according to Article 7(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 ⁽¹⁾.

1. Scope of your request

In your request, you ask on the basis of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access to

“documents which contain the following information:

Todos los documentos que obren en poder de la DG SANTE o cualquier organismo que de ella dependa con información o que trate sobre las mujeres europeas que viajan a un país distinto al suyo para acceder al aborto.”.

2. No documents held

We regret to inform you that DG SANTE 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 DG SANTE holds no such documents, corresponding to the description given in your application, we are not in a position to fulfil your request.

⁽¹⁾ Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43).

In the field of cross-border healthcare within the EU, two legal instruments co-exist and provide for citizens' rights to receive healthcare abroad: Regulations (EC) No 883/2004 and 987/2009 on the coordination of social security systems and Directive 2011/24/EU on the application of patients' rights in cross-border. For more thorough information on your patient's rights to accessing healthcare in any EU/EEA country you can consult the [Manual for Patients](#) published by the Commission. Furthermore, the Commission strongly recommends patients to always consult [the national contact points](#), before travelling abroad, to collate information on the anticipated costs, reimbursement rates, applicable procedures, time limits and necessary documents to be provided to request the reimbursement.

3. Means of redress

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 to the Secretariat-General of the Commission within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter. You can submit it in one of the following ways:

by mail:

European Commission

Secretariat-General

Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)

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

4. Acknowledgment of receipt

According to the standard operational procedure, the reply is sent by e-mail only. We would therefore appreciate if you could explicitly confirm receipt of the e-mail within 5 working days by replying to sante-consult-b3@ec.europa.eu.

Yours faithfully,

Sandra GALLINA
Director-General