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Re: Your application for public access to documents of 15 September 2022

Our ref.: PAD 2022/132

Dear Ms Horel,

Further to our letter of 28 October 2022, we would like to provide you with a status update on the release of the second batch of PAD application 2022/132 (hereinafter "*PAD application*") in accordance with Article 6(3) of [Regulation \(EC\) No 1049/2001](#) on public access to documents (hereinafter "*the PAD Regulation*").

First of all, we would like to apologise for not replying to you by 21 November 2022.

As regards the processing of point 2) of your PAD application, specifically as concerns access to the application dossier on Perfluoro{acetic acid, 2-[(5-methoxy-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)oxy]}, ammonium salt for which EFSA issued a scientific opinion ([EFSA-Q-2013-00363](#)), we regret to inform you that more time is needed to conclude our assessment on the access to the non-confidential version of this dossier. Please rest assured that your PAD application is being processed as quickly as possible in accordance with the provisions of the PAD Regulation. However, additional time is still needed to finalise the assessment of the requested documents, since consultations with the third-party document owner, in accordance with Article 4(4) of the PAD Regulation, are still ongoing.

Therefore, we would like to seek your agreement pursuant to Article 6(3) of the PAD Regulation, as implemented by Article 4(7) and 4(8) of [Decision of the Management Board laying down the practical arrangements for implementing Regulation \(EC\) No 1049/2001 and Article 6 and 7 of Regulation \(EC\) No 1367/2006](#), to come back to you by **19 December 2022 at the latest**. Should we finalise the steps prior to this date, we will reply to you earlier than the estimated deadline. We extend our apologies for any inconvenience this delay may cause, please rest assured that we will aim to get back to you as soon as possible.

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding the processing of your PAD application in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us by writing to the following functional mailbox: [REDACTED]@efsa.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

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