

Helsinki, 5 March 2024

Ms. Vicky Cann

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Subject: Your application for access to documents – fair solution proposal**Reference: ATD/015/2024**

Dear Ms. Cann,

I refer to your email dated 26 January 2024 in which you make a request for access to documents under the above-mentioned reference number. Your request concerns access to documents related to lobbying on PFAS, per and polyfluoroalkyl substances:

1. A list of all meetings/ discussions since 1 January 2022 between officials and businesses, trade associations, or think tanks where this topic was discussed.
2. Any records, minutes, preparatory briefings, or other notes of these meetings/discussions.
3. All correspondence since 1 January 2022, where this topic was discussed, exchanged between officials and businesses, trade associations, or think tanks.

ECHA is committed to treating requests under the Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 ("ATD Regulation") within the shortest timeframe possible. However, your application concerns a very large number of documents (53), most of them originating from third parties, which need to be assessed individually.

Such a detailed analysis, together with the need to consult the third parties concerned in accordance with Article 4(4) of the ATD Regulation, cannot be carried out within the normal time limits set out in Article 7 of the ATD Regulation.

Article 6(3) of the ATD Regulation provides that in the event of an application relating to a very long document or to very large number of documents, the institution concerned may confer with the applicant informally, with a view to finding a fair solution.

With a view to finding a fair and practical solution, as provided for by Article 6(3) of ATD Regulation, we would like to propose a disclosure that will be completed within 30-working days starting from the day of receipt of your acceptance of the above terms.

We hope that our proposal regarding the refinement of the timeframe of disclosure meets your needs.

You are kindly requested to inform us whether you agree to this proposal as soon as possible and no later than by **Friday 8 March 2024**.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Best regards,

Access to documents team
European Chemicals Agency