

By registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt

Vicky Cann
Rue d'Edimbourg 26
1050 Brussels

Subject: Your application for access to documents 2024/3015

Dear Ms Cann,

We refer to your request for access to European Commission documents registered on 07/06/2024 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to documents related to per and polyfluoroalkyl substances (“PFAS”), since 01/01/2023. In particular, you would like:

1. A list of all meetings/discussions since 1 January 2023 between officials and or Commissioners with 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 2023, where this topic was discussed, exchanged between officials and or Commissioners with businesses, trade associations, or think tanks.

After a thorough examination of our records, the following document has been identified as falling within the scope of your application:

- Briefing - EVP - Meeting with VCI and IGBCE Presidents 14.02.2024 (final), (hereafter ‘document’).

Please note that the redacted parts of the document do not fall into the scope of your request because they concern topics which are not related to PFAS.

Moreover, 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 following personal data:

- the names and contact details of natural persons other than Commission staff members;
- other information relating to these natural persons, i.e. date of birth, pictures, professional experience, memberships and education.

Please also 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-General¹. This reply relates only to the documents held by Directorate-General for

¹ Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, Directorate-General for Climate Action, The Directorate-General for Mobility and

Competition. You received or will receive the replies from the other respective Directorates-General in due course.

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

via your EASE portal account (available only for initial requests submitted via the portal account),

by mail, to:

European Commission
Secretariat-General
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)
BERL 7/076
B-1049 Bruxelles

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

Yours faithfully,

e-Signed

Anna Vernet
Head of Unit

Annex: Briefing - EVP - Meeting with VCI and IGBCE Presidents 14.02.2024

Transport, Directorate-General for Defence Industry and Space, Directorate-General for Energy, Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety, Joint Research Center, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, Directorate-General for Trade, Directorate-General for Environment, Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, and the Secretariat-General of the European Commission.