



LEGAL AND ASSURANCE SERVICES

Parma, 31 July 2019  
Ref. DD/NN/GK/mm (2019) – out-21726592



**Re.: Your request for public access to documents of 10 July 2019**  
*Our ref.: PAD 2019/064*

Dear 

I refer to your e-mail of 10 July 2019 by means of which you requested access to "a list of information available on the subject of raw milk". I hope it is agreeable to you to receive the reply to your request in English. Should you wish to receive a translation of this letter into German, please do not hesitate to inform us and we will make the necessary arrangements.

Please be informed that your request has been acknowledged and registered as PAD 2016/064 and has been processed in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents<sup>1</sup> (hereinafter "the PAD Regulation").

Having duly considered your request for public access to documents in accordance with the PAD Regulation and after internal verification on the existence of any document pertaining to the scope you specified, I regret to inform you that EFSA does not hold "a list of information available on the subject of raw milk"<sup>2</sup>.

However, we are pleased to provide you with information on the activities EFSA has been involved in concerning the subject of raw milk.

In 2014, the EFSA Panel on Biological Hazards (BIOHAZ) adopted a Scientific Opinion on the public health risks related to the consumption of raw drinking milk<sup>3</sup>

- The scientific opinion has been published in the EFSA Journal:  
<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/3940>.
- Minutes of meeting of the working group on public health risks related to the consumption of raw drinking milk in relation to the scientific opinion have been published on EFSA's website:  
<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/wgs/biological-hazards/rawdrinkingmilk.pdf>.

Moreover, the subject of raw milk was recently discussed at the meeting of the EFSA Network on Microbiological Risk Assessment which was held in Parma from 21-22 May 2019. The minutes of the meeting are published on EFSA's website:

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/event/190521-min.pdf>

<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents, OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43-48, applicable to EFSA.

<sup>2</sup> Please note that in application of the case law of the European Courts, a presumption of legality is attached to any statement made by an institution concerning the non-existence of documents requested. See in this regard Case T-42/05, Williams v Commission, T-380/04, ECLI:EU:T:2008:325; Joined Cases T-110/03, Ioannis Terezakis v. Commission, ECLI:EU:T:2008:19; Case T-150/03, Sison v. Council [2005] ECLI:EU:T:2005:143.

<sup>3</sup> EFSA BIOHAZ Panel (EFSA Panel on Biological Hazards), 2015. Scientific Opinion on the public health risks related to the consumption of raw drinking milk. EFSA Journal 2015;13(1):3940, 95 pp. doi:10.2903/j.efsa.2015.3940

Finally, please be informed that you may submit a new request for access to documents at any time, by writing to the below address.

Further correspondence must be sent to:

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Yours sincerely,

