

EUROPEAN COMMISSION DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

The Director-General

Brussels, SANTE/AB

By registered mail with acknowledgment of receipt

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Advance copy by email: <u>a.fanta.utanwwkbd5@fragdenstaat.de</u>

Dear Mr Fanta,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref. GestDem No 2019/4211

We refer to your mail dated 17 July 2019 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on the same day under the above-mentioned reference number.

We also refer to our letter of 8 August 2019 extending the time limit to respond to your request in accordance with Article 7(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.

On the basis of Regulation (EC) No $1049/2001^{1}$, you requested access to the following:

- list of lobby meetings this Directorate-General held with Apple or its intermediaries from November 2014 up to the present; the list should include: date, individuals attending and organisational affiliation, the issues discussed;
- minutes and other reports of these meetings;
- all correspondence including attachments (i.e. any emails, correspondence or telephone call notes) between this Directorate General (including the Commissioner and the Cabinet) and Apple or any intermediaries representing its interests in that time;

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

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- all documents prepared for the meetings and exchanged in the course of the meetings between both parties in the given time frame.

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.

We regret to inform you that the Commission does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application and is therefore not in a position to fulfil your request.

Please note that this reply relates only to the documents held by this Directorate General. You will receive (or have received) the replies from the other Directorates General separately.

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 within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission Secretariat-General Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1) BERL 7/076 B-1049 Bruxelles or by email to: <u>sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu</u>

Yours sincerely,

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