

Betreff: Confirmatory application - Ref GestDem No 2018/2681

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An: Sg-Acc-Doc@ec.europa.eu

Dear Mr [REDACTED]

Dear ladies and gentlemen,

Thank you for your letter and the information in it. With this email, I would like to use my right to make a confirmatory application and ask the Commission to review its position.

As discussed in your reply, according to regulation 1049/2001, public interest may override concerns for commercial interests. As my original request was very simple and did not contain any evidence for an overriding public interest, I would like to provide this evidence now.

High proportions of the Union's citizens, through all member states, do not want genetically modified food on their table, they do not want genetically modified plants and animals to be grown in the EU and they do not want the Commission to support the useless and harmful use of GMO in agriculture and food. The people's elected representatives on union level, the European Parliament, has again and again found majorities even against the import of genetically modified feedstuff and each of the many committee decisions on new GMO plants have found political controversy and opposition.

Furthermore, CETA has seen a lot of public attention and intensive political controversy during the last few years. The assumption that mandatory regulatory cooperation with trade partners would take relevant discussions away from public fora and the people's elected representative, was amongst the reasons why many people protested against CETA and other agreements alike. The relevant provision in CETA, article 25.2, clearly is not meant to keep GMO out of Europe and reduce imports. Its topics, aims and language support the assumption that CETA will serve the biotech-industry's interests.

Our goal is to scrutinise the Commission's behavior in CETA's forum on biotechnology. There is a lot of public interest both in GMO as well as in CETA. We furthermore believe that it is the Commission's own interest to be transparent.

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Yours sincerely,
Karl Bär

Am 26.06.2018 um 11:46 schrieb sante-consult-e3@ec.europa.eu:

Dear Mr Bär,

Please find enclosed an advance copy of our reply to your application for access to documents GestDem 2018/2681

The original version of the reply and its annexes will be sent to you by registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt.

Yours sincerely,


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