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European Parliament, Member
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Subject: Aspartame – Your request for access to document of 16 December 2004 received on 7 January 2005

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter dated 16 December 2004, registered on 7 January 2005, requesting access to documents under Regulation No 1049/2001¹ regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents.

You request access to the initial assessment of the information received by OLAF with respect to the safety aspects of the intense sweetener aspartame in food.

We enclose a copy of the document which we hope will meet your needs. Pursuant to Article 16 of Regulation 1049/2001 the document cannot be reproduced or disseminated for commercial purposes unless the Commission has first been consulted.

I regret to inform you, however, that parts of the document requested are covered by two of the exceptions provided for by Article 4 of Regulation 1049/2001 and therefore cannot be disclosed. The exceptions which apply are:

- the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual, in accordance with Community legislation regarding protection of personal data (Article 4(1)(b) of the Regulation) – on the basis of this exception, we have excluded all the information referring directly or indirectly to any identified or identifiable individual other than Community officials and the applicant;
- the commercial interests of natural or legal persons (Article 4(2), first indent of the Regulation) – on the basis of this exception, we have excluded the names of companies.

¹ OJ L145, 31.05.2001, page 43.

However, if you want this position to be reviewed you should write to OLAF's Director General at the address below, confirming your initial request. You have fifteen working days in which to do so from receipt of this letter, after which your initial request will be deemed to have been withdrawn.

The Director General will inform you of the result of this review within 15 working days from the registration of your request, either granting you access to the parts of the documents that have been excluded or confirming the refusal. In the latter case, you will be informed of how you can take further action.

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** Yours sincerely,

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