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Mr Paul Hancocks

Via e-mail

12 March 2009

Dear Mr Hancocks

**Freedom of Information case 098/0343– Internal Review**

Thank you for your e-mail of 5 March 2009 to Patrick Balchin requesting an internal review to the above Fol case following his reply to you dated 2 March 2009.

I have reviewed the original material that was considered and I am satisfied that the exemptions applied under the Freedom of Information Act have been properly applied and that the reasons given in Patrick Balchin's reply to you of 2 March 2009 are still appropriate and valid. It is my belief that were the information you have asked for to be released, that this would adversely affect relations between the UK and the EC. This is clearly not in the public interest. Consequently, I am upholding the original decision not to disclose the information.

My review paid particular attention to the exemptions applied under Sections 27(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information Act. I have concluded that this has been applied properly and that the reasons given to you for withholding disclosure are valid and appropriate. Therefore, I am satisfied that the public interest is still best served by not disclosing the information requested.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Hendon', written in a cursive style.

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Interim Director General, Enterprise and Business Group

