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23/04/2026

Dear [redacted]

**Environmental Information Regulations 2004**

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 24 March 2026 which sought the following information:

1. ...what measures were undertaken...protect the integrity of the schemes... safeguard... public funding.
2. ... the name, address and email address details of the European Commissioner remitted to oversee the regulation of the scheme or such schemes.

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds some of the information you requested.

In relation to question 1, above, the area you referred to in your information request was first planted in 2009. No records have been found relating to the afforestation. Also, no records relating to the extent or location of the landowner's holdings were found. Therefore, under Regulation 12(4)(a) the Department is excepted from the duty to disclose the information on the grounds that the information sought is not held.

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Furthermore, Forest Service inspect a selection of sites annually based on a criteria-based methodology prior to authorising payments. No records were found in relation to the site you refer to, therefore under Regulation 12(4)(a) the Department is exempted from the duty to disclose the information on the grounds that the information sought is not held.

In relation question 2, I can advise that the name and address of the European Commission Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development is in the public domain. Contact details identified are:

Commission Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development

Brussels

Belgium

Avenue Beaulieu 1

1160 Brussels

The email address is [cab-hansen-contact@ec.europa.eu](mailto:cab-hansen-contact@ec.europa.eu)

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If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

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If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing [daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk) or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & Information Management Branch, Floor 2, Jubilee House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Ballykelly, Limavady BT49 9HP, within two months from the date of this letter.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE, SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department's decision.

Yours sincerely,



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