



## **Decision of the European Ombudsman on the European Commission's failure to answer correspondence concerning the interpretation of the data protection periods under the Pesticides Regulation (Regulation 1107/2009)**

Decision

**Case** 1239/2020/SF - **Opened on** 28/08/2020 - **Decision on** 19/10/2020 - **Institution concerned** European Commission ( Settled by the institution ) |

Dear Mr X,

You submitted a complaint to the European Ombudsman about the European Commission's failure to reply to your correspondence concerning the interpretation of the data protection periods under the Pesticides Regulation (Regulation 1107/2009).

We informed the Commission of your complaint and asked it to send you a reply. The Commission has informed us that it has done so in the meantime.

The Commission explained why it has taken a considerable amount of time to reply to you and apologised for this delay. It addressed your concerns that the current interpretation of the data protection rules under the Pesticides Regulation was incorrect and pointed to possible means of redress.

We consider that the Commission has given you a reasonable reply. The case is therefore closed with the conclusion that it has been settled.

Yours sincerely,

Rosita Hickey Director of Inquiries

Strasbourg, 19/10/2020