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Article 3

Definitions

For the purposes of this Regulation:

- (a) document shall mean any content whatever its medium (written on paper or stored in electronic form or as a sound, visual or audiovisual recording); ***only administrative documents shall be covered, namely documents concerning a matter relating to the policies, activities and decisions falling within the institution's sphere of responsibility, excluding texts for internal use such as discussion documents, opinions of departments, and excluding informal messages;***

Definitions

For the purposes of this Regulation:

- (a) document shall mean any content whatever its medium (written on paper or stored in electronic form or as a sound, visual or audiovisual recording) ***which relates to the exercise of public powers or functions;***

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Article 4

Exceptions

The institutions may refuse access to documents where disclosure could significantly undermine the protection of:

- (a) *the public interest and in particular:*
- public security,*
 - defence and international relations,*
 - relations between and/or with the Member States or Community or non-Community institutions,*
 - financial or economic interests,*
 - monetary stability,*
 - the stability of the Community's legal order,*
 - court proceedings,*

Exceptions

1. Public access to documents may be limited on the following grounds:

- (a) *access shall be denied where disclosure would be contrary to the protection, under law, of the right to privacy of an individual;*

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