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Landmark victory for transparency at the European Court of Justice on access to the information on chemicals

Did you see the landmark court victory on access to documents?
http://curia.europa.eu/jcms/jcms/Jo2_16799

Court makes it clear that all "information on the emission to the environment" should be released without restriction. Just as the Aarhus convention provides for.

This is really a landmark verdict; the public from now on can get all documents on chemicals, pesticides and industrial processes to check if the basis of environmental decisions is right.

Commission cannot state that only emissions from industrial production plants count, all emissions count, such as pesticides applied in the field.

Commission also cannot say that there should be a "link" in the information with the emissions; court ruled that a "relation" is good enough.

Commission have to provide all documents and can only blacken certain parts that contain confidential information.

The PAN Europe/Greenpeace case on information on the production of Glyphosate, <http://curia.europa.eu/juris/documents.jsf?num=C-673/13> is referred back to the General Court since the General Court now has to decide on the documents requested in the light of the new definition made today by the Court.

In a similar case by a Dutch Bee Foundation, <http://curia.europa.eu/juris/documents.jsf?num=C-442/14>, Court explains that the requested documents on Imidacloprid, the substance dangerous to bees, should be released without restriction.

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