

OIA19-0812

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Dear Daniel Reurich

## OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 9 December 2019 requesting *a complete list of all the additions, removals and suspensions for the Raw Milk Regulated Control Scheme (RCS) – Farm Dairy Operator register.*

The link that you refer to in your request is the most up to date version of the RCS–Farm Dairy Operator register as it is updated automatically daily for any additions, removals and suspensions.

MPI is unable to supply you with any date other than when they were first registered for the RCS-Farm Dairy Operator register and when that registration expires as a collation of the dates for changes or applications to the RCS-Farm Dairy Operator register would require manually searching through our database for each individual company.

MPI is also unable to release to you information on the reasons for any removals or suspensions from the RCS-Farm Dairy Operator register as we either do not hold the information or its release would result in commercial prejudice to the Farm Dairy Operator.

Therefore your request is refused pursuant to the following sections of the Official Information Act 1982:

- Section 18(d) - that the information requested is publically available;
- Section 18(f) - that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research;
- Section 18(g)(i) - that the information requested is not held by the department or Minister of the Crown or held by another department or Minister of the Crown.

The information on the reasons for any suspensions from the RCS-Farm Dairy Operator register is withheld pursuant to section 9(2)(b)(ii) as its release would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who is the subject of the information.

MPI is satisfied that in the circumstances of this case, the withholding of the information is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable in the public interest to make the information available.

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You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response and our decision to refuse your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Debbie Morris', written in a cursive style.

Debbie Morris  
**Director Performance, Oversight & Approvals**