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Tēnā koe Erica

Your request for official information, reference: HNZ00036738

Thank you for your email on 28 January 2024, asking for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*The New Zealand site of batch release will only release batches for distribution in New Zealand once the sponsor has verified that the shipping temperature profile meets specifications
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Provide monthly safety reports, as well as all safety reviews they conduct or become aware of.*

Response

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Under section 18(f) of the Act, this material cannot be supplied without substantial collation as there has been several hundred deliveries and the same batch included in different deliveries. However, Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora is able to release the data from the last three deliveries to the Christchurch and Auckland Distribution and Storage Warehouses on 23 July 2022 (Ref 5016) and 10 September 2022 (Ref 5018 and 5019):

- Pfizer provide remote temperature monitoring throughout the delivery of vaccines from the manufacturing site to New Zealand.
- On delivery of the vaccines to the New Zealand warehouses the temperature loggers are stopped and the vaccines transferred to the Ultra Low Temperature (ULT) freezers.
- Pfizer then send confirmation that the vaccines are released for use and the temperature reports are made available.
- The temperature reports are checked by the warehouse quality team and Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora quality representatives and kept on file.

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Please see the attachment for the reports, information has been redacted under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

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How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at hnzOIA@health.govt.nz.

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora may proactively release a copy of this response on our website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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