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Tēnā koe Catherine

Your request for official information, reference: HNZ00059474

Thank you for your email of 5 August 2024, asking Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Please advise what form of batch release testing, specifying from where, has been relied on by New Zealand health regulatory authorities for the following Pfizer Covid 19 batches:-

1F1028A	FH4752
1F1043A	FH9678
1F1047A	FK0115
1F1059A	FK9414
1K078A	FL1072
1K080A	FL5729
1L084A	FM4289
37726TB	FM7532
8001749	FN4207
FF2382	PCA0082
FF8871	PCB0008
FG9019	PCB0012
FH0114	SDYX4
FH4091	

Response

We refer you to our response of 12 July 2024 (HNZ00052889) for the information about batch origin locations.

Health NZ receives a Certificates of Analysis (COAs) for each COVID-19 vaccine, which are reviewed by a quality representative prior to delivery to New Zealand. The responsibility for quality control testing of their products before release sits with manufacturers. They operate under good manufacturing practice and are regularly audited by regulatory authorities.

To better illustrate, we have included an example COA as Appendix One. You will note that some information has been withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act as its release would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information, and section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect privacy. In making this decision to withhold, I have considered the countervailing public interest in release and determined that it does not outweigh the need to protect the interest above.

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at hnzOIA@tewhatuora.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 NZ 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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