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Dear H Smith

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 31 October 2016 relating to “the name of the company or companies that imported the contaminated seeds that has resulted in all Wairarapa pea farms being closed for the next two years”.

The identity of any companies involved in the pea weevil incursion in the Wairarapa is withheld pursuant to the following sections of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- 9(2)(b)(ii) – to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information; and
- 9(2)(ba)(i) – to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Veronica Herrera'.

Veronica Herrera
Director Investigation Diagnostic Centres and Response