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Helen Black
Care of FYI website

Dear Helen Black

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 17 September 2017 relating to the labelling and regulations of pellet bait use.

In the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) view, it would have been necessary under section 14 of the OIA to transfer questions 1 and 2 of your request to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) because the information you requested is held by that agency.

However, we are aware that you have already made your request to the EPA, and therefore we have not transferred it. We will provide you information that MPI hold in relation to questions 3.

The following information is released to you under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) in response to the following question:

Code of Practice: "Pest proof fences must be of a design and construction which has been tested and proven to be fully effective in preventing access to the Specified Area by all farm livestock and target pests present. Such fences must be able to be maintained in a pest proof state."

Who are qualified to ensure these standards? What agency enforces that the above regulation are being met? Please provide your guidelines/documentation as of who these people/agencies are?

The answer to your question lies in the Code of Practice itself. The code is outcome based so there are no other standards that must be met to achieve its objectives. The code specifies:

Where a pest proof fence is to be used, the Project Manager shall:

- be responsible for appointing an experienced pest proof fencing contractor

- approve only pest proof fence designs that have been scientifically tested and shown to be effective against all livestock and target pests found at the site
- employ a consultant experienced in pest proof fence design and construction to inspect the completed fence to verify it as being fully effective as a barrier to mammalian pests and livestock
- prior to bait application ensure a fence maintenance plan that provides the resources and mechanisms by which the fence will be maintained in a fully effective condition is produced.

It has also been noted in your request that you have made the following statement:

"The government's outlet Orillion, fifty percent owned by MPI sell brodifacoum products."

MPI would like to address this statement and confirm that MPI have no ownership of the company Orillion.

I refer you to the Companies Office website which confirms that the Minister for Primary Industries and the Minister of Finance are equal shareholders, not the departments themselves:

<https://app.companiesoffice.govt.nz/companies/app/ui/pages/companies/441007/shareholdings>

I trust this information satisfies your request.

Yours sincerely


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