

[Redacted – email withheld under 10(5)(e) – internal communications – see response letter for details]

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 15 March 2018 13:15
To: [Redacted]@gov.scot
Cc: [Redacted] SG staff
Subject: FW: Quarantine requirements for third country imports for research

Hi [Redacted]

Sorry to burden you with another trade related issue so quickly after the last – also relating to Hendrix Genetics! (Copied to [Redacted] re sensitivities). Please see the below email from the Fish Health Inspectorate.

I agree with [Redacted]'s interpretation of the legislation (that the movement can't go ahead). You will note that pre aquatic animal health directive (2006/88), we could have permitted this with conditions if we were content to do so. The complicating issue here (amongst others) is the movement from one research institute to the other – or the being made available on the market therefore having to be considered under farming certificate.

I wonder if there is a way this could perhaps be allowed if the onward travel to Cefas wasn't necessary and some of the ova/fish being kept over 60 days so that they can be tested. I tried to phone [Redacted] to discuss today, because I was interested to know why Cefas thought this would be ok to do. It is perhaps an issue of Cefas scientists not speak to Cefas Fish health inspectorate.

I would be grateful for your initial views on this. [Redacted] will be out of the office until next week so we have time to consider. Would it be possible for you to consider and get back to me by mid week next week? I see that this has been an on-going conversation so we might have a bit of wiggle room with response if required.

Happy to discuss further – [Redacted]

Cheers

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] (MARLAB)
Sent: 14 March 2018 14:08
To: [Redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: Quarantine requirements for third country imports for research

Hi [Redacted]

I have a query regarding the import of fish from third countries for research and require some policy advice.

I have been approached by [Redacted] at Hendrix Genetics who wishes to import farmed Atlantic salmon ova from Chile. The ova are for genetic research to be carried out at the Roslin Institute and Cefas (see research statement and further details in attached email).

<< File: Research_statement_20170712 JP updates.docx >> << Message: RE: Noticias sobre el destino final de embriones en Roslin // Direct contact among parties!! >>

I have been in contact with the Chilean authorities and although the potential farm source of the ova has a history of testing for ISA and Chile is declared free from the other listed diseases, they state that cannot complete the required EU certificate with regard to ISA.

Imports for research are not directly addressed in Directive 2006/88 or Regulation 1251/2008 (trade requirements) and the legislation only refers to imports for farming, relaying, ornamental purposes etc. There is no explicit exemption from the import legislation for imports for research, therefore we apply the certification requirements depending on species being imported (susceptible/non susceptible) and facility type (open/closed).

In this case, as they wish to import susceptible species and intend to move them to another facility, we require the consignment to be accompanied by the certificate for farming.

<< File: TC certificate for farming relaying open ornamental.pdf >>

There is an option in the legislation to import animals that do not meet the certification requirements if quarantine is carried out before export or upon arrival in the EU. Unfortunately for susceptible species this option is only allowed for wild aquatic animals on the farming health certificate, not for farmed aquatic animals (Section II.4 of the health certificate, last statement 'in the case of wild aquatic animals, have been subject to quarantine in accordance with Decision 2008/946').

<< File: Decision 2008 946 EC implementing Council Directive 2006 88EC as regards requirements for quarantine of aquaculture animals.pdf >>

Quarantine is not meant to be permanent for the imported animals, susceptible species must be tested. Fish should be quarantined for a minimum of 60 days (article 13 (1)) and either they or sentinel animals tested to demonstrate freedom before release. The research is being carried out on the early stages and the embryos will be destroyed pre first feeding therefore it is unlikely that that animals will complete the minimum 60 day quarantine period and probably not before transfer of some of the embryos to Cefas.

According to the information that has been provided and our application of the legislation, it does not appear that this import of Atlantic salmon from a farm in Chile for research can go ahead for the following reasons

- There is no exemption from the certification requirements for consignments for research
- As the import is of a susceptible species (Atlantic salmon for ISA) and some of the animals will be transferred to Cefas, the appropriate certificate is that for farming (Part A, annex IV, Regulation 1251/2008)
- The Chilean authorities have stated that they cannot sign the health certificate as the country/compartiment is not approved as free from ISA
- Quarantine before or after importation is allowed, but for susceptible species this is only allowed for wild aquatic animals not farmed.
- Therefore quarantine does not appear to be a viable option to allow the import to proceed.

Are Policy content with our interpretation of the legislation regarding imports of research from third countries and applying the certification requirements for farming which may in some cases prevent imports for research? Before Directive 2006/88, imports for research from third countries were licenced and we could apply our own requirements as long as the consignment was going to be held in a suitable bio-secure facility.

Please call or email if you have any questions. [Redacted] is keen to progress this import so I would appreciate some guidance soon

Thanks

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@scottishseafarms.com
Sent: 15 November 2018 13:35
To: [Redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted]@scottishseafarms.com>
Subject: RE: Salmon ova from AquaGen Rimstad

Hi [Redacted]

Thanks very much for letting us know. The eggs should be arriving in Aberdeen on Wednesday 21/11 at 08.05 Barcaldine around 3-4 pm. We will put them in the comphatches the next day.

Let me know what suits you best for paperwork inspection.

Best regards

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From: [Redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 15 November 2018 11:51
To: [Redacted]@scottishseafarms.com
Cc: [Redacted]@scottishseafarms.com>
Subject: RE: Salmon ova from AquaGen Rimstad

Hi [Redacted]

Just a quick follow up on my email from yesterday.

We've received some supplementary information from the Norwegian competent authority that have answered the UKs queries on the application to reinstate the ISA free status of Rimstad. Cefas and are ourselves have informed Defra that we are content so Rimstad's ISA free approval will come into effect on 19th November in time for the ova coming into Barcaldine.

Could you let me know the estimated time of arrival of the ova at Barcaldine and I will arrange to inspect the ova and the health certificate. Will you be unpacking and laying down the ova on Wednesday?

Cheers

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] (MARLAB)
Sent: 14 November 2018 10:02

To: [Redacted]@scottishseafarms.com'
Cc: [Redacted]@scottishseafarms.com
Subject: Salmon ova from AquaGen Rimstad

Hi [Redacted]

I have received the notifications from [Redacted] for the eggs coming in from AquaGen next Wednesday for Barcaldine.

As you will be aware an application has been submitted to SCoPAFF to reinstate the ISA free status of Rimstad following the detection of ISA last year at the site. There is a 60 day period for Member States to raise any issues with an application and for these to be resolved. Issues have been raised about the application for Rimstad, but not that these have been addressed yet to my knowledge.

The 60 day period for the application ends on 19th November with ova arriving on 21st November. Obviously this is a tight turnaround so I wanted to make sure Scottish Seafarms were aware of the situation in case there are any delays in reinstating the ISA free status of Rimstad. If the ISA free status of the site is not confirmed then the import cannot proceed.

Give me a call or email me if you have any questions. We will probably inspect the consignments on arrival to ensure the health certificates have been correctly completed. Is the consignment arriving at Aberdeen or Glasgow airport? I think I will be in Oban next Wednesday so if the ova are arriving at Glasgow I could inspect them on arrival at Barcaldine.

Thanks

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From: [Redacted]@scottishseafarms.com>
Sent: 29 June 2018 10:13
To: [Redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Request for information under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004

Dear [Redacted],

Thank you for your email and information on the decision.

Best regards,

[Redacted].

From: [\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)

Sent: 29 June 2018 08:38

To: [\[Redacted\]@scottishseafarms.com](mailto:[Redacted]@scottishseafarms.com)

Cc: [\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)

Subject: FW: Request for information under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004

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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your communications regarding Fol/18/01553 concerning information on salmon ova imports since 1 January 2017.

As you will be aware, as a public authority Marine Scotland is legally bound to comply with the requirements of the freedom of information regulations, in this case the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs) apply. Under the regulations there is a general presumption in favour of the release of information and whilst exemptions exist which can permit information to be withheld, this approach is to be applied in a restrictive manner. We must be requester-blind, which means we must treat everyone equally and we can't consider why they are requesting the information.

We can withhold information only if an exception under the regulation applies to that information and the public interest in disclosure is not outweighed by the public interest in upholding the exception. The decision on release remains solely for the public authority holding the information, taking account of any third party views received in so far as they help inform that decision. That said, a third party does not have a veto on disclosure of the information.

Within the EIRs regulation 10(5)(e) exists and this covers the confidentiality of commercial or industrial information where such confidentiality is provided for by law to protect a legitimate economic interest.

On this occasion we will be withholding the information requested which relates to your business interest as we accept the arguments you have put forward in relation to confidentiality of commercial or industrial information.

Thank you for your communications and assistance in dealing with this request.

Regards,

[Redacted]

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From: [\[Redacted\]@scottishseafarms.com](mailto:[Redacted]@scottishseafarms.com)
Sent: 12 June 2018 10:02
To: [Redacted] (MARLAB)
Subject: RE: Request for information under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004
Importance: High

Dear [Redacted],

Thank you for informing us of the request under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs) for information on imports of Atlantic salmon ova into Scotland during 2017 and 2018. Whilst we understand that this consultation is a courtesy, not a statutory obligation, we wish to raise our objection to the release of specific categories of information under 12.—(5) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(a), a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that its disclosure would adversely affect - (e) the confidentiality of commercial or industrial information where such confidentiality is provided by law to protect a legitimate economic interest. Specifically the information categories relating to third party 'Operator' and 'Site of Destination' (Ormsary Hatchery, Landcatch Natural selection Ltd.), 'Source Country' for entries Republic of Ireland as Marine Harvest Ireland are the only supplier in that country and all entries under category 'Number' and 'Source Company', as this information is subject to confidentiality clauses within contractual agreements provided by law between Scottish Sea Farms Ltd., and third party producer or egg supplier respectively and as such the disclosure of the information would invalidate our contractual obligations. This confidentiality is protecting a legitimate economic interest as disclosure this information would reveal company or industrial commercial strategy for production of salmon in freshwater and intellectual property knowhow on commercial strategy of genetic selection programme which is based on an extensive research and development by Scottish Sea Farms Ltd. As such, disclosure would adversely affect the confidentiality and therefore the public interest in disclosure is not outweighed by the public interest in upholding the exception.

We are unable to provide copies of the full contractual agreements based on the same confidentiality restrictions, however extracts of the specific confidentiality clauses are provided below as requested to help with your decision. As you will read, public disclosure of the content of the supply agreement is restricted by contract Law, i.e. 'source company', 'destination site', 'operator' and 'number of eggs' supplied due to the economic value of this Evaluation material of business strategy and as such we further request that this information not be released into the public domain. Should you decide to proceed to publish the information I would gratefully ask for prior notice so that we can honour our contractual obligation to inform our suppliers specifically under clause 7 of the 2) mutual confidentiality agreement in order to make any legal challenge.

Should you require clarification on any of the above please don't hesitate to contact me, and I would appreciate to be informed as to the outcome of your decision.

Best regards,

[Redacted]

Scans of the agreements themselves, as follows:

1. Extract from contractual supply agreement between egg suppliers and SSF:

7. Confidentiality

Both parties agree to treat the agreement and the content as confidential

2. Text of contractual agreement between Aquagen, Landcatch and SSF:

MUTUAL CONFIDENTIALITY

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into on 30th

Aqua Gen AS having its principle place of business at P.O. Box 100, 1405 Sandness, Norway, (hereinafter referred to as "Aqua Gen"); and

Landcatch Natural Selection Limited having its principal place of business at Lochgilphead, Argyll PA31 8PE, United Kingdom (hereinafter referred to as "Landcatch");

WHEREAS, Aqua Gen and Landcatch are entering into this Agreement on behalf of Scottish Sea Farms (the "Business"); and

WHEREAS, the parties recognize and agree that the Business must be kept in the strictest of confidence, and in order to protect both parties, their respective businesses and themselves.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The parties agree to conduct the Business negotiations confidentially.

2. All information, together with analyses and records prepared by either party or their representatives, and such information, whether furnished before, on or after the date of this Agreement, in written or oral form, or provided in response to a specific inquiry,

violation of this Confidentiality Agreement;, or (iii) be Representatives from a third party who doesn't owe the disclosure relation thereto..

5. Each party agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the other party and its Representatives harmless from and against any losses, claims, damages or expenses incurred by this Agreement by the respective party or its Representatives or its Representatives for all expenses (including legal fees and costs) incurred by the other party. The obligations set forth in this paragraph shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

6. Each party acknowledges and agrees that the performance of the obligations set forth herein is a remedy at law and could be irreparably harmed in the event such obligations were not performed in accordance with their specific terms. The parties have agreed that the parties shall be entitled to injunctive relief (without actually showing monetary damages) to prevent breaches of the terms and provisions hereof, in addition to any other remedies available at law or in equity. If either party shall enforce this Agreement through a court of law, it shall be entitled to reasonable legal fees and costs.

7. If either party is legally compelled to disclose information to a third party, the other party shall provide the other party with prompt notice so that the other party may seek a court order for a remedy and/or waive compliance with this Agreement. In the event a court order for a remedy is not obtained, or if the other party waives compliance with this Agreement, the party shall disclose such information as is legally required and will exercise best efforts to ensure that such information will be accorded confidential treatment.

8. Neither party shall publicize this Agreement or its contents without the prior written consent of the other party. Any confidentiality obligations of the parties which represent a stricter obligation of confidence shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

From: [\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)

Sent: 07 June 2018 15:22

To: [Redacted] <[\[Redacted\]@scottishseafarms.com](mailto:[Redacted]@scottishseafarms.com)>

Subject: Request for information under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004

Dear [Redacted]

The Scottish Government has received a request under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs) for information on imports of Atlantic salmon ova into Scotland during 2017 and 2018. Through the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Scotland) Regulations 2012, Marine Scotland holds data on the date of import, the company which has imported ova into Scotland, the site the ova were placed onto, the amount, the country of origin and the company of origin.

You have an interest in the information which has been requested because your company is one of those that imported ova during 2017/2018, and the details described above may be released in relation to your company. The information relating to your company is as follows:

Date	Site of destination	Operator	Consignee on certificate (if different from operator)	Sp
18/01/2017	Knock Hatchery	Scottish Sea Farms Ltd		\$
09/02/2017	Couldoran Incubation Unit	Scottish Sea Farms Ltd		\$
07/11/2017	Couldoran Incubation Unit	Scottish Sea Farms Ltd		\$
18/01/2018	Knock	Scottish Sea Farms Ltd		\$
15/02/2018	Couldoran Incubation Unit	Scottish Sea Farms Ltd		\$
09/02/2017	Wester Fearn	Highland Salmon Company Ltd	Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	\$
23/02/2017	Ormsary Hatchery	Landcatch Natural Selection Ltd	Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	\$
30/11/2017	Ormsary Hatchery	Landcatch Natural Selection Ltd	Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	\$
08/12/2017	Ormsary Hatchery	Landcatch Natural Selection Ltd	Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	\$
07/02/2018	Ormsary Hatchery	Landcatch Natural Selection Ltd	Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	\$
01/03/2018	Ormsary Hatchery	Landcatch Natural Selection Ltd	Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	\$

I am writing to ask you for your views on whether this information should be disclosed, before we make a decision on the request. Please note that this consultation is a courtesy, not a statutory obligation, and you do not have a veto on disclosure of the information. Under the terms of the EIRs, the decision on whether or not to release the information is for the Scottish Government alone. However, we will take account of your views.

I should also explain that we can withhold information only if an exception under the EIRs applies to that information and the public interest in disclosure is not outweighed by the public interest in upholding the exception. You can find detailed information about the EIRs on our website at: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/about/foi> or on the Scottish Information Commissioner's website at: <http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/home/ScottishInformationCommissioner.asp>

In order to ensure that we meet our statutory duty to respond to the request within 20 working days of receiving it, I must ask for your views by 15 June 2018.

Regards

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Cc: [\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)>
Subject: RE: Freedom of information request - SSF import of ova

Dear [Redacted],

Sorry for my late reply to your email today, I only just received it. I confirm as previously described we consider the release of information relating to SSF with ova (including imports) involving Mowi / Marine Harvest would cause substantial prejudice to confidentiality of commercial information and as such we request this information is exempt from release to the public under 10(5)e of the EIRs.

Best regards,

[Redacted].

From: [\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)
Sent: 01 May 2019 14:10
To: [\[Redacted\]@scottishseafarms.com](mailto:[Redacted]@scottishseafarms.com)
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Dear [Redacted]

As a follow up to my email of 15 March 2019 and in relation to FoI requests involving 10(5)(e) (substantial prejudice to confidentiality of commercial information) I am emailing to advise you of the following:

The request referred to below for, *Information on Scottish Sea Farms in relation to ova (including imports), mortalities and diseases (including sea lice) since 1 January 2018*, was subject to clarification with the enquirer. We are still awaiting a response regarding this and therefore this request has not been progressed.

We have received a further FoI request concerning *Information on imports of salmon eggs (ova) involving Marine Harvest/Mowi since 1 January 2018*. A response is due to be sent today. Our reply will release ova import data covering all companies who have undertaken such activity so that the redactions applied in relation to 10(5)(e) and SSF will not single out and highlight SSF imports associated with Mowi / Marine Harvest.

I am hoping that you can still confirm the application of 10(5)(e) in with respect to SSF and this type of information.

Many thanks,
[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted] (MARLAB)
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Cc: [\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)
Subject: RE: Freedom of information request - SSF import of ova

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for confirming this.

Just to keep you informed, we replied to the request (FoI/19/00365) on Wednesday 13th March. In the end we released no information with the reply. We concluded that the information relating to imports did not fall within the scope of the request being – information relating to SSF Ltd in relation to the import of ova and disease concerns. The ‘and disease concerns’ bit was crucial because we concluded that the documentation relating to importation was not associated with any ‘disease

concerns'. There is an email communication between [Redacted] on 14 November 2018 which does fall within this scope but this was withheld in its entirety under Regulation 10(5)(e) (substantial prejudice to confidentiality of commercial information).

The applicant replied quickly confirming a request for a review of our application of 10(5)(e) to this case. It was also confirmed that an appeal has been lodged in relation to the application of 10(5)(e) with respect to historical cases handled. Our application of 10(5)(e) will therefore be considered by the Scottish Information Commissioner. We will likely be in contact with you regarding this in due course.

In addition to all of this, the applicant submitted a further FoI request for:- *information on Scottish Sea Farms in relation to ova (including imports), mortalities and diseases (including sea lice) since 1 January 2018*. The information considered out of scope as detailed above is likely to be captured by this request, along with any other import information. Again, we will look to apply regulation 10(5)(e) where appropriate, with your direction. I would expect information relating to mortalities and diseases is captured by our active publication activities but will have to check to confirm.

I will be in touch in due course.

Kind regards,
[Redacted]

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Cc: [Redacted][@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)
Subject: RE: Freedom of information request - SSF import of ova

Dear [Redacted],

I confirm the information which is considered commercial and restricted under confidentiality agreements with suppliers is limited to Ova and Fish supplier name, stock type, supplier site, country of origin and number supplied. As part of the previous FOI case review I agreed that the number of ova / fish imported from 3rd countries can be disclosed but without the specific information relating to commercial origin in order to protect the confidential information. Information of origin, stock type, number of fish and destination site relating to Third party contract growing is also protected under confidentiality agreements.

Best regards,

[Redacted].

From: [Redacted][@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)

Sent: 13 March 2019 11:55

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Dear [Redacted],

Thanks for getting back to me so quickly.

There must be a telephone number missed in one of the communications so I will look into that before releasing the information.

We have redacted the published case material as requested. It would be beneficial if you could confirm exactly the information which relates to commercial confidentiality – I presume that this is just the supplier site and company of any ova imported or provided by a 3rd party – does this relate to fish as well as ova where supplied from out with the company? Also, I think we were withholding information about sites operating on behalf of SSF on a contract growing relationship – but is this just in relation to the import of ova?

Going forwards, we will look to redact this type of information from cases as they are completed and published, but we need to be clear exactly what should be withheld.

Many thanks,
[Redacted]

From: [Redacted][@scottishseafarms.com](mailto:[Redacted]@scottishseafarms.com)

Sent: 13 March 2019 09:28

To: [Redacted][@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)

Subject: RE: Freedom of information request - SSF import of ova

Importance: High

Dear [Redacted],

Thank you for your email notifying us of the information being considered for release. I confirm the information highlighted in red is considered either personal or relating to confidentiality of commercial information and as such we request it to be redacted. I note that the telephone number for my colleague has not been highlighted for redaction which we consider it should be to be the same as for MS personnel. Likewise the information included in the case 2018-0645 relating to name of supplier is considered confidential commercial information and as such we request this information to be removed from the public domain.

Best regards,

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 12 March 2019 16:05

To: [Redacted]@scottishseafarms.com

Subject: FW: Freedom of information request - SSF import of ova

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Dear [Redacted],

Further to this email communication and my telephone call with you last week, the attached information relating to SSF concerning the request for information on Scottish Sea Farms in relation to the import of ova from Norway and disease concerns since 1 January 2016, is proposed for release.

The sections highlighted in pink are areas to be redacted on the basis of being either personal information or relating to the confidentiality of commercial information. In relation to the later, please confirm with me that you wish to maintain this position in this case.

I should also highlight that case information relating to site inspections at Barcaldine Hatchery Incubation 1 (case 2018-0646) and Barcladine Hatchery Incubation 3 (case 2018-0645) stipulates: *Site fully stocked with one input 27/11/18 from Aquagen, Norway* and that this information has been published on the Marine Scotland web site. If you feel that this information falls under the confidentiality of commercial information then please let me know.

In addition I attach a background note on the ISA status history of Rimstad – the intention was to release this as part of the context to the request and as a follow up to previous suggestions made about the importation of ISA infected ova.

Grateful for your reply concerning the above.

We are due to reply to the request tomorrow – apologies for the short notice.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

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Sent: 14 February 2019 13:31

To: [Redacted]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: Freedom of information request - SSF import of ova

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for informing us of the request under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs) for information associated with ova imports into Barcaldine (and any other additional sites which have imported ova). Whilst we understand that this consultation is a courtesy, not a statutory obligation, we wish to raise our objection to the release of information relating to supplier company, origin, number and date of shipment and destination as exempt under regulation 10(5)(e) of the EIRs (substantial prejudice to confidentiality of commercial information) applies to this information. This exception applies because disclosure of this particular information would, or would be likely to, prejudice substantially the confidentiality of commercial information provided by Scottish Sea Farms and thus cause substantial harm to our commercial interests. A previous request for release of this information was subject to review by the Information Commissioner which considered the exemption to be upheld.

Furthermore we consider disclosure of this information would adversely affect the confidentiality of commercial or industrial information where such confidentiality is provided by law to protect our legitimate economic interest. The information relating to the supply of ova to our sites is under confidentiality clauses with our suppliers in order to protect the legitimate economic interest of both parties.

Should you require clarification on any of the above please don't hesitate to contact me, and I would appreciate to be informed as to the outcome of your decision.

Best regards,

[Redacted].

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 14 February 2019 09:44

To: [Redacted]@scottishseafarms.com

Subject: Freedom of information request - SSF import of ova

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Dear [Redacted],

For your information I'm drawing your attention to the attached publication made by Scottish Salmon Watch [Game Ova for Scottish Salmon - Deadly disease delays egg imports from AquaGen in Norway](#). An FoI request was received and dealt with covering the subject area of on bio-security and disease risk in relation to the import of salmon ova and lump sucker ova into Scotland for the use on salmon farms. The detailed

request and response is available here: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/foi-18-03773/>

As part of the release of information, documentation covering the detection of ISA in Rimstad (Norway) along with the declaration made by the Norwegian officials to regain disease free status was released. Caught up in this information, which involved discussion between Scottish and central UK governments, was information relating to the potential import of eggs to Barcaldine from Aquagen back in November and with reference to the ability for the Norwegian site to trade in terms of disease status.

The subsequent article was produced by Scottish Salmon Watch.

Following this, a further request for information has been received covering information on Scottish Sea Farms in relation to the import of ova from Norway and disease concerns since 1 January 2016. Whilst some of this request will have been covered by responses to previous requests (from last year), we are still to undertake search activity to capture any additional information which we hold which may be relevant. We will consult with you on the same once this activity has been conducted.

One area which will fall under this new request is the information associated with ova imports into Barcaldine (and any other additional sites which have imported ova). Given the previous discussions around the release of this information I am seeking your opinion over this in relation to any existing confidentiality agreements. Amongst other things, the information would include site and company of origin and destination, the number of ova shipped and the date that the shipment was made. I would be grateful for a written opinion on this from SSF. As I have explained previously, this consultation is a courtesy, not a statutory obligation, and you do not have a veto on disclosure of the information. Under the terms of the EIRs, the decision on whether or not to release the information is for the Scottish Government alone. However, we will take account of your views.

I should also explain that we can withhold information only if an exception under the EIRs applies to that information and the public interest in disclosure is not outweighed by the public interest in upholding the exception. You can find detailed information about the EIRs on our website at: <https://www.gov.scot/about/contact-information/how-to-request-information/> or on the Scottish Information Commissioner's website at: <http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/home/ScottishInformationCommissioner.asp>.

As indicated above we will be in contact with you in due course with any additional information which we hold which may be relevant to the request.

Kind regards,
[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: 24 January 2019 07:26

To: [Redacted]@aquagen.no

Subject: Freedom of Information Request Fol/18/03773 - ova imports, biosecurity and disease risk

Good Morning

The Scottish Government has received a request under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs) for information on 'bio-security and disease risk in relation to the import of salmon ova and lumpsucker ova into Scotland for the use on salmon farms'.

You have an interest in the information which has been requested because some of this relates to communications held between yourself and Marine Scotland's Fish Health Inspectorate – please see attached. Therefore, I am writing to ask you for your views on whether this information should be disclosed, before we make a decision on the request. Please note that this consultation is a courtesy, not a statutory obligation, and you do not have a veto on disclosure of the information. Under the terms of the EIRs, the decision on whether or not to release the information is for the Scottish Government alone. However, we will take account of your views.

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In order to ensure that we meet our statutory duty to respond to the request within 20 working days of receiving it, I must ask for your views by close of play on **Friday 25 January 2019**.

I should also inform you that all names and personal information including email, telephone numbers and job titles, which can identify any individual, will be redacted as personal information in line with current procedures.

Many thanks for considering this and I look forward to your response.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

Attached document Fol-18-03773 – EU Aquagen.docx released previously and available at <https://www.gov.scot/publications/foi-18-03773/>

[Redacted]

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w: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/marinescotland>

From: [Redacted]@cookeaqua.com
Sent: 07 June 2018 17:11
To: [Redacted] (MARLAB)
Cc: [Redacted] Cooke staff
Subject: RE: Request for information under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004

Dear [Redacted],

Further to the request below under (Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004) regarding the release of information in relation to the Import of Atlantic Salmon Ova.

Cooke Aquaculture Scotland Limited strongly feel that the information should be withheld by the Scottish Government, on the grounds of commercial sensitivity. Please see the reasoning below.

The information that you intend to release directly relates to the production of Cooke Aquacultures S1 and S0 smolts for our future production, that will have gone to sea in late 2017 as S0s or will go to sea in 2018/2019 as S1s and S0s. The release of this information has the ability to give our competitors a distinctive market advantage, as it would give them the opportunity to calculate the number of fish that have been put to sea or we intend to put to sea and also know approximately when these fish will be subsequently harvested.

As such Cooke Aquaculture Scotland wish to reiterate our concerns with regards to the release of the said information contained below, due to commercial sensitivity reasons.

Please can you respond to our concerns asap.

Regards

[Redacted]
[Redacted]
Cooke Aquaculture Scotland
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From: [Redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 07 June 2018 14:52

To: [Redacted]@cookeaqua.com

Subject: Request for information under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004

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Dear [Redacted]

The Scottish Government has received a request under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs) for information on imports of Atlantic salmon ova into Scotland during 2017 and 2018. Through the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Scotland) Regulations 2012, Marine Scotland holds data on the date of import, the company which has imported ova into Scotland, the site the ova were placed onto, the amount, the country of origin and the company of origin.

You have an interest in the information which has been requested because your company is one of those that imported ova during 2017/2018, and the details described above may be released in relation to your company. The information relating to your company is as follows:

Date	Site of destination	Operator	Consignee on certificate (if different from Operator)
16/02/2017	Ardtaraig Hatchery	Cooke Aquaculture (Freshwater) Ltd	
16/02/2017	Cairndow Hatchery	Lakeland (Cairndow) Ltd	Cooke Aquaculture Freshwater Ltd
04/04/2017	Furnace Hatchery	Cooke Aquaculture (Freshwater) Ltd	
08/11/2017	Cairndow Hatchery	Lakeland (Cairndow) Ltd	Cooke Aquaculture Freshwater Ltd
21/02/2018	Cairndow Hatchery	Lakeland (Cairndow) Ltd	Cooke Aquaculture Freshwater Ltd
27/02/2018	Ardtaraig Hatchery	Cooke Aquaculture (Freshwater) Ltd	
20/03/2018	Cairndow Hatchery	Lakeland (Cairndow) Ltd	
09/03/2017	Rysa Incubation Unit	Rysa Salmon Farm	Cooke Aquaculture Freshwater Ltd
14/02/2018	Wester Fearn	Highland Salmon Company Ltd	Cooke Aquaculture Freshwater Ltd

I am writing to ask you for your views on whether this information should be disclosed, before we make a decision on the request. Please note that this consultation is a courtesy, not a statutory obligation, and you do not have a veto on disclosure of the information. Under the terms of the EIRs, the decision on whether or not to release the information is for the Scottish Government alone. However, we will take account of your views.

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In order to ensure that we meet our statutory duty to respond to the request within 20 working days of receiving it, I must ask for your views by 15 June 2018.

Regards

[Redacted]
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w: <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/marine>

From: [Redacted]@cefascosco.uk
Sent: 28 January 2019 15:33
To: [Redacted]@defra.gov.uk; [Redacted]@gov.scot
Cc: [Redacted]@defra.gov.uk; [Redacted]@cefascosco.uk>; [Redacted]@cefascosco.uk;
[Redacted]@cefascosco.uk>; [Redacted]@cefascosco.uk; [Redacted]@defra.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Request Fol/18/03773 - ova imports, biosecurity and disease risk

Hi [Redacted]

In regard to your query concerning the information highlighted as confidential in **doc Fol-18-03773 – Defra – Cefas.docx**. I've reviewed and discussed with [Redacted], who leads on FOI for us, and we cannot see any reason why this should not be included within the FOI response, on the understanding that all information identifying individuals is redacted - as [Redacted] has stated.

[Redacted] is off today, but back in tomorrow if you want to double check with him before giving a final response.

Thank-you
[Redacted]

[Redacted]
[Redacted]
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Web: www.gov.uk/cefascosco/fhi



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From: [Redacted]@defra.gov.uk
Sent: 28 January 2019 12:23
To: [\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)

Cc: [Redacted][@defra.gov.uk](mailto:[Redacted]@defra.gov.uk); [Redacted][cefas.co.uk](mailto:[Redacted]@cefas.co.uk); [Redacted][@cefas.co.uk](mailto:[Redacted]@cefas.co.uk);
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[Redacted][@defra.gov.uk](mailto:[Redacted]@defra.gov.uk)

Subject: FW: Freedom of Information Request Fol/18/03773 - ova imports, biosecurity and disease risk

Hi [Redacted],

Many thanks for sending through more details of the FoI request.

I have gone through the attached documents and have the following comments.

In doc Fol-18-03773 – Defra – Cefas.docx,

there is a section clearly highlighted in yellow as confidential.

I think *we would need confirmation from Cefas FHI for sharing this.*

As [Redacted] appear to be both on leave this week, [Redacted], **could you please have a look at this document and let us know your views in releasing this information that is highlighted as confidential?**

Otherwise, I have no concerns about the documents included.

In doc Fol-18-03773 – Defra – Cefas 2.docx,

No concerns re. the information included.

In doc Fol-18-03773 – Defra – Cefas 3.docx

This is official correspondence between Defra and the Commission on the declaration of freedom for the Rimstad site.

Subsequently, the UK administrations did agree to the declaration. So that information would need to be added I suppose?

[Redacted], could you please pull out the email correspondence and send on to [Redacted]?

I have contacted our Scopaff team to ask their advice on sharing correspondence between Defra and the Commission on freedom of disease declarations.

Once we have guidance, I can let you know whether this information would need to be removed.

Best regards,

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted][@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)

Sent: 28 January 2019 11:47

To: [Redacted][defra.gov.uk](mailto:[Redacted]@defra.gov.uk); [Redacted][@defra.gov.uk](mailto:[Redacted]@defra.gov.uk)

Cc: [Redacted][@cefas.co.uk](mailto:[Redacted]@cefas.co.uk); [Redacted][@cefas.co.uk](mailto:[Redacted]@cefas.co.uk)

Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Request Fol/18/03773 - ova imports, biosecurity and disease risk

Hello [Redacted]

The exact wording of the request was given to you in my email of 24 January. Here it is again, along with further details, extracted from the applicant's communication:

Please provide information on bio-security and disease risk in relation to the import of salmon ova and lumpsucker ova into Scotland for the use on salmon farms.

In particular, please include any risk assessments of imports from Iceland, Norway and Ireland for infectious diseases, bacteria, viruses, pathogens and other foreign agents.

Please include any documents, emails, import certificates, quarantine protocols and other information where bio-security and disease risks are cited, assessed or referenced.

Please detail any test results for infectious diseases, bacteria, pathogens and viruses including Piscine Orthoreovirus (PRV).

Please include any correspondence and documentation from the Icelandic Food and Veterinary Authority (MAST), Irish Government, Norwegian Government, European agencies, the OIE and other parties in relation to bio-security and disease risk in relation to the import of salmon ova and lumpsucker ova into Scotland for the use on salmon farms.

For your further information we went back to the applicant and narrowed the scope of this request in terms of time scale. It relates to 1 January 2016 and 19 December 2018.

Thanks,
[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@defra.gov.uk

Sent: 28 January 2019 11:17

To: [Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@defra.gov.uk>

Cc: [Redacted]@cefas.co.uk; [Redacted]@cefas.co.uk

Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Request FoI/18/03773 - ova imports, biosecurity and disease risk

Hi [Redacted],

Would it be possible to see the exact wording of the request?

Many thanks,

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 28 January 2019 10:28

To: [Redacted]@defra.gov.uk

Cc: [Redacted]@defra.gov.uk; [Redacted]@cefas.co.uk; [Redacted]@cefas.co.uk

Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Request Fol/18/03773 - ova imports, biosecurity and disease risk

Thanks [Redacted]

That is appreciated.

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@defra.gov.uk

Sent: 28 January 2019 10:27

To: [Redacted]@gov.scot

Cc: [Redacted]@defra.gov.uk; [Redacted]@cefas.co.uk; [Redacted]@cefas.co.uk

Subject: FW: Freedom of Information Request Fol/18/03773 - ova imports, biosecurity and disease risk

[Redacted]

[Redacted] has copied me into his reply he sent on Friday with his comments.

[Redacted] will be looking at his today and will respond back as soon as possible.

Thank you

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@cefas.co.uk

Date: 25 January 2019 at 12:31:15 GMT

To: "[Redacted]@gov.scot

Subject: FW: Freedom of Information Request Fol/18/03773 - ova imports, biosecurity and disease risk

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for consulting us on this request and if you need more information or clarification I am in the office tomorrow, but on a training course so if you ring my mobile [Redacted] I will get back to you as soon as I can.

[Redacted – out of scope]

With regard to the other two documents which relate to the Rimstad approved compartment declaration I am not aware of the Commission policy on the publishing of any of the comments from the Commission itself or Member States with regard to declarations presented at SCoPAFF. As far as we know they do not appear anywhere in public and we would be interested if you have had feedback from the Commission on this point. Obviously the actual declaration is still available on the Commission and Norwegian websites and having reviewed the attached documents in the short time available this evening I cannot see anything that I would not be prepared to see released.

I would ask the current relevance of including the Rimstad information at this stage because the last correspondence we had on the 19th November 2018 stated that the deceleration was on hold pending a resolution between the Commission, Germany and Norway. Therefore I presume you are

not yet trading with the Rimstad site so it is not bio-security or disease risk in relation to the import of salmon ova.

Regards

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 24 January 2019 07:32

To: [Redacted]@defra.gov.uk; [Redacted]@defra.gov.uk; [Redacted]@cefas.co.uk;
[Redacted]@cefas.co.uk

Subject: Freedom of Information Request Fol/18/03773 - ova imports, biosecurity and disease risk

Good morning,

The Scottish Government has received a request under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs) for information on 'bio-security and disease risk in relation to the import of salmon ova and lumpsucker ova into Scotland for the use on salmon farms'.

Some information which we received from you falls within the scope of the request, ie communications relating to ISA in Norway (Rimstad) and VHS risk through lumpfish trade. Therefore, I am writing to ask you for your views on whether this information should be disclosed before we make a decision on the request.

Under the terms of regulation 2(2) of the EIRs, information which we hold in confidence having received it from a UK Minister or government department is not held by us for the purposes of FOISA. If you consider that any of the information requested in this case is 'held in confidence', please let us know and provide evidence to support that view. If regulation 2(2) applies, we will refuse the request and advise the applicant to submit a new request to you under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. Otherwise, as you will be aware, we can withhold information only if an exception under the EIRs applies to that information and the public interest in disclosure is not outweighed by the public interest in upholding the exception. You can find detailed information about the EIRs on our website at: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/about/foi> or on the Scottish Information Commissioner's website at: <http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/home/ScottishInformationCommissioner.asp>

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Many thanks for considering this and I look forward to your response.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@defra.gov.uk

Sent: 28 January 2019 15:19

To: [Redacted]@gov.scot; [Redacted]@cefas.co.uk; [Redacted]@cefas.co.uk; [Redacted]@cefas.co.uk; [Redacted]@cefas.co.uk; [Redacted]@cefas.co.uk; [Redacted]@defra.gov.uk

Cc: [Redacted]@defra.gov.uk

Subject: FW: Freedom of Information Request Fol/18/03773 - ova imports, biosecurity and disease risk

[Redacted]

Please find the attached emails that confirmed our approval of the compartment following the Questions that were raised were answered by Norway.

If you further information sending please ask.

Many thanks

[Redacted]

Policy Advisor | Aquatic Animal Health | Animal & Plant Health | Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

[Redacted] | 2nd Floor, **Foss House** Kings Pool 1-2, Peasholme Green, **York**, YO1 7PR.

My email has changed recently the address will be [Redacted]@defra.gov.uk

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 24 January 2019 07:32

To: [Redacted] Defra and Cefas staff

Subject: Freedom of Information Request Fol/18/03773 - ova imports, biosecurity and disease risk

Good morning,

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Many thanks for considering this and I look forward to your response.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

Attachment – emails – Compartment declaration Rimstad and Questions regarding declaration

From: [Redacted]@cefas.co.uk>

Sent: 15 November 2018 11:50

To: [Redacted]@defra.gov.uk>

Cc: [Redacted]@defra.gov.uk>; [Redacted]@cefas.co.uk>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Questions regarding declaration for 18000 Rimstad

Hi [Redacted]

The response from Norway clarifies why the 26 fish were not tested for ISA and, in relation to their assessment of surveillance needs before and after the re-interpretation of the Directive's needs, the explanation is reasonable.

I was somewhat concerned by their statements that the operator was making decisions about which fish were to be sampled, rather than an independent veterinarian or competent authority veterinary inspector but, given that they have now conducted testing on a very large number of broodstock, we think these concerns can be ignored.

I have just spoken with [Redacted] and he has confirmed that the Scots are equally happy with the information supplied and believe that the declaration is acceptable.

We could perhaps note that with plans to introduce rainbow trout to the farm at some future point, it would be necessary to ensure that these and any further salmon introductions were from ISA-free sources.

Regards -[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@defra.gov.uk
Sent: 15 November 2018 15:07
To: [Redacted]@ec.europa.eu; [Redacted]ec.europa.eu>; [Redacted]@ec.europa.eu;
[Redacted]@defra.gov.uk>
Cc: [Redacted]@defra.gov.uk>; [Redacted]@cefas.co.uk>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>;
[Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: Compartment Declaration Rimstad Norway

Dear all

We thank our colleagues from Norway for the additional information that was provided. Following clarification from Norway from the questions regarding the Rimstad declaration we have sought further advice and are now content with the information supplied and support the declaration.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@mattilsynet.no
Sent: 15 November 2018 10:30
To: [Redacted]@defra.gsi.gov.uk; [Redacted]@gov.scot; '[Redacted]gov.scot
Cc: [Redacted]@ec.europa.eu>; [Redacted]@ec.europa.eu; [Redacted]ec.europa.eu;
[Redacted]@ec.europa.eu>; [Redacted]@defra.gsi.gov.uk; [Redacted]@cefas.co.uk;
[Redacted]@gov.scot; [Redacted]@mattilsynet.no; [Redacted]@mattilsynet.no
Subject: Questions regarding declaration for 18000 Rimstad

Dear Colleagues,

Please find attached note.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]



Norway Approved



Questions

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Further attached documents FoI-18-03773 Defra - Cefas.docx; FoI-18-03773 Defra - Cefas 2.docx; and FoI-18-03773 Defra - Cefas 3.docx; all released previously and available at <https://www.gov.scot/publications/foi-18-03773/>.

From: [Redacted][@roslin.ed.ac.uk](mailto:[Redacted]@roslin.ed.ac.uk)
Sent: 07 June 2018 19:46
To: [Redacted] (MARLAB)
Subject: RE: Request for information under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004

Dear [Redacted],
I have no objections to this.
In case it is relevant - we are not a company but rather a university department undertaking academic research.
Thanks,
[Redacted]

[Redacted]
The Roslin Institute
University of Edinburgh
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Phone: +44 (0) [Redacted]
Skype: [Redacted]

From: [Redacted][@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)
Sent: 07 June 2018 15:25
To: [Redacted][@roslin.ed.ac.uk](mailto:[Redacted]@roslin.ed.ac.uk)
Subject: Request for information under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004

Dear [Redacted]

The Scottish Government has received a request under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs) for information on imports of Atlantic salmon ova into Scotland during 2017 and 2018. Through the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Scotland) Regulations 2012, Marine Scotland holds data on the date of import, the company which has imported ova into Scotland, the site the ova were placed onto, the amount, the country of origin and the company of origin.

You have an interest in the information which has been requested because your company is one of those that imported ova during 2017/2018, and the details described above may be released in relation to your company. The information relating to your company is as follows:

Date	Site of destination	Operator	Species	Stage	Number	Source	Country	Source
12/04/2018	Roslin Institute Hatchery	The Roslin Institute	SAL	OVA	3,200	ICE		Stofni

I am writing to ask you for your views on whether this information should be disclosed, before we make a decision on the request. Please note that this consultation is a courtesy, not a statutory obligation, and you do not have a veto on disclosure of the information. Under the terms of the EIRs, the decision on whether or not to release the information is for the Scottish Government alone. However, we will take account of your views.

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In order to ensure that we meet our statutory duty to respond to the request within 20 working days of receiving it, I must ask for your views by 15 June 2018.

Regards

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From: [Redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: 24 January 2019 07:28

To: [Redacted]@ec.europa.eu; [Redacted]@ec.europa.eu; [Redacted]@ec.europa.eu;
[Redacted]@ec.europa.eu

Subject: Freedom of Information Request Fol/18/03773 - ova imports, biosecurity and disease risk

Good Morning

The Scottish Government has received a request under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs) for information on 'bio-security and disease risk in relation to the import of salmon ova and lumpsucker ova into Scotland for the use on salmon farms'.

You have an interest in the information which has been requested because some of this relates to communications held between yourself and Defra (held by Marine Scotland) – please see attached. Therefore, I am writing to ask you for your views on whether this information should be disclosed, before we make a decision on the request. Please note that this consultation is a courtesy, not a statutory obligation, and you do not have a veto on disclosure of the information. Under the terms of the EIRs, the decision on whether or not to release the information is for the Scottish Government alone. However, we will take account of your views.

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I should also inform you that all names and personal information including email, telephone numbers and job titles, which can identify any individual, will be redacted as personal information in line with current procedures.

Many thanks for considering this and I look forward to your response.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

Attached document FoI-18-03773 – EU Commission.docx released previously and available at <https://www.gov.scot/publications/foi-18-03773/>

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From: [Redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: 22 June 2018 12:56

To: [Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Request for information under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004

Hi

I have received a further email from Finfish following my request for supporting evidence regarding their concerns about the release of data to [Redacted] on imports. I'm not sure if this is sufficient evidence, but I will leave this with you to consider.

Thanks

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@aol.com

Sent: 22 June 2018 12:46

To: [Redacted] (MARLAB)

Subject: Re: Request for information under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004

Dear [Redacted],

Thank you for wishing to learn more of our concerns. We are a small/medium sized privately owned, independent, Scottish company. We have been in operation since 1991 and currently have a staff of seven full time employees. Our salmon hatchery is located in a remote part of the West Highlands in a former National Nature Reserve area and we are vulnerable to anyone intent upon interfering with our water supply.

We comply with the requirements of Government agencies and have regular and frequent audits to ensure that we conform to the quality standards of large retail chains, including full traceability of our stock back to the egg source. We also conform to the standards of Freedom Foods where the main concern is the welfare of the fish in our care. There is a wild salmon fishery on the river supplying our hatchery and the riparian owner visits our farm regularly and is aware of the origins of our fish stocks and our farm practices and is on the board of the North West Sutherland Fishery Trust. We are concerned to know who else requires information about our commercial farming business and why they want the information.

We have not suffered outside interference to date but we did have an unannounced visit in April 2014 from a [Redacted] who is known to object in principle to salmon farming. [Redacted] held up and photographed a FOI reply letter against name signage on our entrance gate. The letter apparently related to a recorded SEPA discharge water quality failure by our farm and presumably, if taken out of context, could have been used to create adverse publicity about our farm. He later held a public meeting in nearby Ullapool where militant members of the audience were heard by our staff to express extreme views against fish farming.

Modern salmon farming is a tightly controlled, predictable process of fish production and it is relatively straightforward to extrapolate from the number and origin of salmon eggs the likely fish survival percentage and growth rate which will be achieved by the hatchery producer. Knowledge of the number and size of fish transferred from a hatchery to a sea farm customer allows the future fish growth to market size and likely timing of harvests to be determined. Due to the relatively long farm growth cycle for salmon this is commercially sensitive data which can be used by both competitor farms and by customers for the final fish products. The collation and use of this hatchery data, coupled with data from other sources, will be of market value to our farm competitors and eventually adversely impact the financial returns to the Scottish salmon industry from both export and internal UK markets.

We can see the potential commercial risks to our private limited company of your acceding to this EIR request but have difficulty understanding why our company data is not protected under the law and where the public interest lies in divulging the source hatchery of the imported certified eggs we are rearing, the identity of our farm and the number of salmon eggs in our care.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

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-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot

To: finfishfarms <finfishfarms@aol.com>

Sent: Wed, 13 Jun 2018 12:41

Subject: RE: Request for information under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for the letter.

I note your concerns regarding the release of information in relation to commercial sensitivity. It would benefit us if you could provide further evidence of the harm which could be caused or has been

caused from the release or use of similar types of information. This may help support any argument made under this exception.

Firm evidence associated with the release of these types of information would be most beneficial to supporting a case rather than just relying upon the potential impact, although I appreciate this may not be available.

I will also take forward your point about disclosing the location of the hatchery.

Regards

[Redacted]

From: Finfishfarms [<mailto:finfishfarms@aol.com>]

Sent: 13 June 2018 12:26

To: [Redacted] (MARLAB)

Subject: Re: Request for information under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004

Dear [Redacted],

Please find attached our reply to your request for our views on whether the information about our hatchery business should be disclosed.

Regards,

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]@gov.scot

To: finfishfarms <finfishfarms@aol.com>

Sent: Thu, 7 Jun 2018 14:58

Subject: Request for information under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004

Dear [Redacted]

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You have an interest in the information which has been requested because your company is one of those that imported ova during 2017/2018, and the details described above may be released in relation to your company. The information relating to your company is as follows:

Date	Site of destination	Operator	Species	Stage	Number	Source Country	Source Company
10/01/2017	Inverpolly	Finfish Ltd	SAL	OVA	2,450,000	NOR	Marine Harvest Norway

22/03/2017	Inverpolly	Finfish Ltd	SAL	OVA 3,150,000	NOR	Marine Harvest Norway
04/01/2018	Inverpolly	Finfish Ltd	SAL	OVA 2,600,000	NOR	Marine Harvest Norway
11/01/2018	Inverpolly	Finfish Ltd	SAL	OVA 87,639	NOR	Marine Harvest Norway
04/04/2018	Inverpolly	Finfish Ltd	SAL	OVA 2,300,000	NOR	Marine Harvest Norway

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From: [Redacted]@glasgow.ac.uk

Sent: 07 June 2018 15:05

To: [Redacted] (MARLAB)

Subject: RE: Request for information under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004

Dear [Redacted]

I'm happy for this information to be released.

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 07 June 2018 14:57

To: [Redacted]@glasgow.ac.uk

Subject: Request for information under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004

Dear [Redacted]

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Date	Site of destination	Operator	Species	Stage	Number	Source	Country	Source
14/02/2017	Graham Kerr Building	Glasgow University	SAL	OVA	1,500	ROI		Marine
14/02/2017	Graham Kerr Building	Glasgow University	SAL	OVA	1,000	ROI		Marine
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From: [Redacted]@griegseafood.com

Sent: 08 June 2018 16:29

To: [Redacted] (MARLAB)

Subject: RE: Request for information under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004

Hi [Redacted]

None of us here have a problem with the information being disclosed

All the best

[Redacted][Redacted]



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From: [Redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 07 June 2018 14:59

To: [Redacted]@griegseafood.com>

Subject: Request for information under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004

Dear [Redacted]

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Date	Site of destination	Operator	Species	Stage	Number	Source
14/03/2017	Girlsta Hatchery	Grieg Seafood Shetland Ltd (Hatchery)	SAL	OVA	1,700,000	
25/05/2017	Girlsta Hatchery	Grieg Seafood Shetland Ltd (Hatchery)	SAL	OVA	1,700,000	
08/06/2017	Girlsta Hatchery	Grieg Seafood Shetland Ltd (Hatchery)	SAL	OVA	1,700,000	
04/10/2017	Girlsta Hatchery	Grieg Seafood Shetland Ltd (Hatchery)	SAL	OVA	1,500,000	
07/02/2018	Girlsta Hatchery	Grieg Seafood Shetland Ltd (Hatchery)	SAL	OVA	1,545,000	
08/06/2018	Girlsta Hatchery	Grieg Seafood Shetland Ltd (Hatchery)	SAL	OVA	1,500,000	

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-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]@[lineone.net](mailto:[Redacted]@lineone.net)
Sent: 07 June 2018 15:23
To: [Redacted] (MARLAB)
Subject: Re: Request for information under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004

Good afternoon [Redacted], Hebridean Smolts Ltd is on growing these fish for the Scottish Salmon Company, as a company we didn't import this consignment of Ova, the Scottish Salmon Company did, so thus I think they are the one's that would give consent for this information to be given to any other third party. Any problems [Redacted] just give me a call.

Best regards

[Redacted]

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From: [\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)
Date: 07/06/2018 15:00
To: <[\[Redacted\]@lineone.net](mailto:[Redacted]@lineone.net)>
Subj: Request for information under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004

Dear [Redacted]

The Scottish Government has received a request under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs) for information on imports of Atlantic salmon ova into Scotland during 2017 and 2018.

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Date	Site of destination	Operator	Consignee on certificate (if different from operator)	Species	Stage	Number
01/02/2017	Mingarry Hatchery	Hebridean Smolts Ltd	The Scottish Salmon Company	SAL	OVA	525,000 NOR
15/11/2017	Mingarry Hatchery	Hebridean Smolts Ltd	The Scottish Salmon Company	SAL	OVA	918,750 ICE
30/01/2018	Mingarry Hatchery	Hebridean Smolts Ltd	SAL	OVA	656,250 NOR	Salmobreed

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From: [Redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: 24 January 2019 07:27
To: [Redacted]@hendrix-genetics.com
Subject: Freedom of Information Request Fol/18/03773 - ova imports, biosecurity and disease risk

Good Morning

The Scottish Government has received a request under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs) for information on 'bio-security and disease risk in relation to the import of salmon ova and lumpsucker ova into Scotland for the use on salmon farms'.

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Many thanks for considering this and I look forward to your response.

Kind regards,

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Attachment document Fol-18-03773 – Hendrix.docx released previously and available at <https://www.gov.scot/publications/foi-18-03773/>

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: 29 June 2018 08:39
To: [Redacted]@hendrix-genetics.com
Cc: [Redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Request for information under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your communications regarding Fol/18/01553 concerning information on salmon ova imports since 1 January 2017.

As you will be aware, as a public authority Marine Scotland is legally bound to comply with the requirements of the freedom of information regulations, in this case the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs) apply. Under the regulations there is a general presumption in favour of the release of information and whilst exemptions exist which can permit information to be withheld, this approach is to be applied in a restrictive manner. We must be requester-blind, which means we must treat everyone equally and we can't consider why they are requesting the information.

We can withhold information only if an exception under the regulation applies to that information and the public interest in disclosure is not outweighed by the public interest in upholding the exception. The decision on release remains solely for the public authority holding the information, taking account of any third party views received in so far as they help inform that decision. That said, a third party does not have a veto on disclosure of the information.

Within the EIRs regulation 10(5)(e) exists and this covers the confidentiality of commercial or industrial information where such confidentiality is provided for by law to protect a legitimate economic interest.

On this occasion we will be withholding most of the information requested which relates to your business interest, however we will be releasing information detailed below in Andrea's email which relates to the consignment associated with The Scottish Salmon Company.

Thank you for your communications and assistance in dealing with this request.

Regards,
[Redacted]

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From: [\[Redacted\]@hendrix-genetics.com](mailto:[Redacted]@hendrix-genetics.com)
Sent: 08 June 2018 09:52
To: [\[Redacted\]](mailto:[Redacted]) (MARLAB)
Subject: RE: Request for information under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004

Dear [\[Redacted\]](mailto:[Redacted]),

I am sure you are aware of the recent press release which was in the National newspaper, basically highlighting the failures in Scottish Government to enforce an import ban on Norwegian eggs. The paper had requested details under FOI from Scottish Government in relation to our own set of circumstances being denied access to the Norwegian market.

Anyway, I am not sure if the below request is linked in anyway to that but if at all possible can we restrict the information you release? Ideally we would not share Site of destination, Operator and Consignee on certificate. The reason we ask for this is we do not want to be used nor seen as the bad guys, we fully support the Scottish industry and indeed respect the Scottish governments decision around Norway. After all we have moved on and no longer have our own broodstock in Scotland.

Let me know what you think?

Regards

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From: [\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)
Sent: 07 June 2018 15:07

To: [Redacted]@hendrix-genetics.com

Subject: Request for information under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004

Dear [Redacted]

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23/02/2017	Ormsary Hatchery	Landcatch Natural Selection Ltd	Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	SAL	OVA	2,200
30/11/2017	Ormsary Hatchery	Landcatch Natural Selection Ltd	Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	SAL	OVA	400
08/12/2017	Ormsary Hatchery	Landcatch Natural Selection Ltd	Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	SAL	OVA	300
07/02/2018	Ormsary Hatchery	Landcatch Natural Selection Ltd	Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	SAL	OVA	1,500
01/03/2018	Ormsary Hatchery	Landcatch Natural Selection Ltd	The Scottish Salmon Company	SAL	OVA	570
01/03/2018	Ormsary Hatchery	Landcatch Natural Selection Ltd	Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	SAL	OVA	800

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From: [\[Redacted\]@aol.com](mailto:[Redacted]@aol.com)
Sent: 07 June 2018 16:29
To: [\[Redacted\]](mailto:[Redacted]@aol.com) (MARLAB)
Subject: Re: Request for information under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004

Happy for you to release the information, [\[Redacted\]](mailto:[Redacted]@aol.com). The numbers and dates are correct. All Mhor should be Allt Mor. The consignee was Kames Fish Farming Ltd on all 4 occasions.

Regards

[\[Redacted\]](mailto:[Redacted]@aol.com)

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From: [\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)
To: [\[Redacted\]@aol.com](mailto:[Redacted]@aol.com)
Sent: Thu, 7 Jun 2018 15:06
Subject: Request for information under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004

Dear [\[Redacted\]](mailto:[Redacted]@aol.com)

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Date	Site of destination	Operator	Consignee on certificate (if different from operator)	Species	Stage	Number
09/02/2017	Allt Mhor	JS Salmon Ltd	Kames Fish Farming Ltd	SAL	OVA	350,00
13/11/2017	Allt Mhor	JS Salmon Ltd		SAL	OVA	400,00
09/01/2018	Allt Mhor	JS Salmon Ltd		SAL	OVA	325,00
20/02/2018	Allt Mhor	JS Salmon Ltd	Kames Fish Farming Ltd	SAL	OVA	285,00

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From: [\[Redacted\]@marineharvest.com](mailto:[Redacted]@marineharvest.com)
Sent: 13 June 2018 08:10
To: [Redacted] (MARLAB)
Subject: RE: Request for information under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004

Hi [Redacted]

Apologies that I am emailing this response to you, but I am currently in Norway.
Please see attached.

If you have any queries, please get in touch

Regards

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From: [\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot)

Sent: 07 June 2018 16:18

To: [Redacted]@marineharvest.com

Subject: Request for information under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004

Dear [Redacted]

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25/01/2017	Lochailort Recirculation Hatchery	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd	SAL	OVA	156,000
16/02/2017	Lochailort Recirculation Hatchery	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd	SAL	OVA	4,000,000
29/03/2017	Lochailort Recirculation Hatchery	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd	SAL	OVA	2,664,900
29/03/2017	Lochailort Recirculation Hatchery	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd	SAL	OVA	1,285,100
13/06/2017	Lochailort Recirculation Hatchery	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd	SAL	OVA	1,506,000
13/06/2017	Lochailort Recirculation Hatchery	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd	SAL	OVA	2,494,000
16/11/2017	Lochailort Recirculation Hatchery	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd	SAL	OVA	3,600,000
20/12/2017	Inchmore	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd	SAL	OVA	1,950,000
20/12/2017	Inchmore	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd	SAL	OVA	1,950,000
31/01/2018	Lochailort Recirculation Hatchery	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd	SAL	OVA	216,592
07/02/2018	Lochailort Recirculation Hatchery	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd	SAL	OVA	1,884,000
08/02/2018	Inchmore	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd	SAL	OVA	2,300,000
18/04/2018	Lochailort Recirculation Hatchery	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd	SAL	OVA	3,500,000
16/05/2018	Lochailort Recirculation Hatchery	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd	SAL	OVA	3,800,000
15/05/2018	Inchmore	Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd	SAL	OVA	1,300,000

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response from Marir

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: 24 January 2019 07:29
To: foi@marine.ie; institute.mail@marine.ie
Subject: Freedom of Information Request Fol/18/03773 - ova imports, biosecurity and disease risk

Good Morning,

The Scottish Government has received a request under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs) for information on 'bio-security and disease risk in relation to the import of salmon ova and lumpsucker ova into Scotland for the use on salmon farms'.

You have an interest in the information which has been requested because some of this relates to communications held between the Marine Institute and Marine Scotland – please see attached. Therefore, I am writing to ask you for your views on whether this information should be disclosed, before we make a decision on the request. Please note that this consultation is a courtesy, not a statutory obligation, and you do not have a veto on disclosure of the information. Under the terms of the EIRs, the decision on whether or not to release the information is for the Scottish Government alone. However, we will take account of your views.

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Many thanks for considering this and I look forward to your response.

Kind regards,

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Attached document FoI-18-03773 – Marine Institute.docx released previously and available at
<https://www.gov.scot/publications/foi-18-03773/>

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: 24 January 2019 07:31
To: [Redacted]@mattilsynet.no; [Redacted]@mattilsynet.no
Subject: Freedom of Information Request FoI/18/03773 - ova imports, biosecurity and disease risk

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Attached documents Fol-18-03773 – Mattilsynet 2018.docx; and Fol-18-03773 – Mattilsynet 2016.docx released previously and available at <https://www.gov.scot/publications/foi-18-03773/>

From: [Redacted][@migdalesmolt.co.uk](mailto:[Redacted]@migdalesmolt.co.uk)

Sent: 14 June 2018 12:30

To: [Redacted] (MARLAB)

Cc: [Redacted] kintailsalmon@gmail.com; [Redacted] Migdale Smolt (kintailhatchery@gmail.com)

Subject: Request for information under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004

Hi [Redacted],

As you have explained below, this consultation is a courtesy and we have no veto on information released for public perusal. While Migdale Smolt Ltd has no reason for this information not to be available, it comes with a caveat.

[Redacted – out of scope]

Best Regards,

[Redacted]

Migdale Smolt Ltd

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Tel: [Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]@gov.scot

Sent: 07 June 2018 15:34

To: [Redacted]@migdalesmolt.co.uk

Subject: Request for information under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004

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18/01/2017	Mill Burn (Old Mill)	Kintail Hatchery	Migdale Smolts Ltd	SAL	OVA	2,000,0

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From: [Redacted]@scottishsalmon.com

Sent: 08 June 2018 12:52

To: [Redacted] (MARLAB)
Cc: [Redacted]@scottishsalmon.com
Subject: FW: Request for information under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004
Importance: High

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for notifying TSSC of the intended release of information on ova imports. We object in the strongest terms to confidential supplier information being available to the public, on the grounds of its extreme commercial sensitivity.

We request confirmation from Marine Scotland that no release of this information will take place.

Regards

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From: [Redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 07 June 2018 15:27
To: [Redacted]@scottishsalmon.com
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15/02/2017	Geocrab Hatchery	The Scottish Salmon Company	
01/03/2017	Geocrab Hatchery	The Scottish Salmon Company	
23/02/2017	Geocrab Hatchery	The Scottish Salmon Company	
09/11/2017	Tullich Hatchery	The Scottish Salmon Company	
22/11/2017	Kinlochmoidart Hatchery	The Scottish Salmon Company	
15/11/2017	Barvas Hatchery	The Scottish Salmon Company	
01/02/2018	Tullich Hatchery	The Scottish Salmon Company	
30/01/2018	Barvas Hatchery	The Scottish Salmon Company	
30/01/2018	Amhuinnsuidhe Hatchery	The Scottish Salmon Company	
01/03/2018	Kinlochmoidart Hatchery	The Scottish Salmon Company	
27/02/2018	Geocrab Hatchery	The Scottish Salmon Company	
11/01/2017	Kinlochmoidart Hatchery	Sunbeam Aquaculture	The Scottish Salmon Company
01/02/2017	Mingarry Hatchery	Hebridean Smolts Ltd	The Scottish Salmon Company
16/02/2017	Kinlochmoidart Hatchery	Sunbeam Aquaculture	The Scottish Salmon Company
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From: [Redacted][@stir.ac.uk](mailto:[Redacted]@stir.ac.uk)
Sent: 08 June 2018 10:14
To: [Redacted] (MARLAB)
Subject: Re: Request for information under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004

Dear [Redacted]
We have no objection to sharing this information.

Thanks

[Redacted] *BVM&S, MSc, PHD, MRCVS*
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On 7 Jun 2018, at 15:30, [\[Redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@gov.scot) wrote:

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04/01/2017	Temperate Facilities	University of Stirling	SAL	OVA	24,000	NOR
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