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Tēnā koe D Maclure

I refer to your email of 26 May 2021 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*Arm Export Update 2020 to 2021 - I am requesting information on list of countries that export all type of military equipment to foreign armed forces, with table of list to export to these armed forces around the world.*

We have interpreted your request to be for a list of the export permits, by country, approved for the year 2020 – including military end users. We have included data for all approved export permits from 1 July 2019–15 February 2021, in line with information that has previously been released on this topic.

The permit values, quantities, and serial numbers are withheld from these records. In some instances, the names of the exporter and/or end user are withheld, and a summary description of the items for export is provided in place of a full item description. In each case, this information is withheld under the following sections of the OIA:

- 9(2)(ba): to protect the supply of confidential information by another party; and
- 9(2)(b)(ii): to avoid prejudice to the commercial position of another party.

We do not hold a comprehensive list of countries that export all types of military equipment to foreign armed forces. Should you be interested in this we can recommend a public source of information – the well-respected Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (see their yearbook for 2020 here: <https://www.sipri.org/yearbook/2020>).

Where the information has been withheld under section 9 of the OIA, we have identified no public interest in releasing the information that would override the reasons for withholding it.

Please note that we may publish this letter (with your personal details redacted) and enclosed documents on the Ministry's website.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek a review of this response by the Ombudsman.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Julie Anne Lee', with a horizontal line underneath.

Julie-Anne Lee  
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade