



18 November 2024

Ref: OIA 24-714

RC

By email: fyi-request-28949-3755b03f@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear RC

Request for information under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email to the New Zealand Customs Service (Customs) received on 27 October 2024, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

"I am writing to enquire as to the amount of sexual lubricants imported into New Zealand in the last financial year. Please provide me with the following information.

- 1) *How many litres of sexual lubricants did Customs approve for import into New Zealand?*
- 2) *Of question 1, please provide a breakdown by type (water based, oil based, silicone based)."*

Customs does not collect the requested information, as there is no HS tariff classification for imports under "sexual lubricants". Therefore, Customs is refusing your request in full under section 18 (e) of the Act, as the information does not exist or is not held by Customs, or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

You have the right, by way of complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act, to seek an investigation and review of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available online at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or you can phone 0800 802 602.

If you have any queries in regard to this response, please contact the Correspondence, Reviews and Ministerial Servicing Team: OIA@customs.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

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