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Siouxsie Wiles
FYI Website

Dear Dr Wiles

I refer to your original official information request on 30 June 2015. Following discussions regarding your request, on 29 July 2015, you confirmed your request for copies of institutional codes of ethical conduct currently approved by the Director-General of the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI).

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Massey University, the New Zealand Association of Science Educators and the University of Canterbury have made their codes publicly available on their respective websites. Therefore, these codes are refused under section 18(d).

The codes of Schering-Plough Animal Health Ltd (now trading as MSD Animal Health) and GE Healthcare Tauranga Ltd have been withheld, under section 9(2)(ba)(i) of the OIA. This is 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 likely 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.

The remaining codes can be released to you (list attached). With regard to PharmVet Solutions' code, the approved version of this code contains the names of the two principals of the organisation. They have asked that their names not be released to protect their privacy (section 9(2)(a)). They have therefore supplied a version of the code which substitutes the term 'principal' or 'principals' where their name(s) appeared. In addition, names and/or signatures have been withheld from the codes of Auckland Zoological Park, Bay of Plenty Polytechnic, Agrivet Services Ltd (now trading as Eurofins AgroScience Services NZ Ltd) and the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research Ltd (NIWA) for the same reason.

MPI is satisfied that in the circumstances of this case, the withholding of information within these reports 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 to withhold information.

I trust this information satisfies your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Stone', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Matthew Stone
Director, Animal and Animal Products

Appendix 1: List of codes of ethical conduct to be released under the Official Information Act

1. AgResearch Ltd
2. Agrivet Services Ltd
3. Alleva Animal Health Ltd
4. Auckland Zoological Park
5. Bay of Plenty Polytechnic
6. Department of Conservation
7. Diatranz Otsuka Ltd
8. Eastern Institute of Technology
9. Estendart Ltd
10. Landcare Research New Zealand Ltd
11. Lincoln University
12. National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research Ltd
13. Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology
14. PharmVet Solutions
15. South Pacific Sera Ltd
16. Southern Institute of Technology
17. University of Auckland
18. University of Otago
19. University of Waikato
20. Victoria University of Wellington
21. Waikato Institute of Technology