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By email

Dear Mr Walker

Official Information Act request – information about Hauraki Gulf ferries

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, which was transferred to Maritime NZ by Auckland Transport on 5 September 2016. You have requested the following information:

1. *Do the ferries that ply the Hauraki Gulf have exemption from Rule 34 of the Colregs (preventing collisions at sea). If not who and how is this policed?*
2. *Are the ferries that ply the Hauraki Gulf subject to exhaust particulate standards. If so what level are they set at and how is compliance ensured?"*

Question 1

The ferries in the Hauraki Gulf are not exempt from the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972 (Colregs) nor are they exempt from the equivalent New Zealand rule (Maritime Rules, Part 22: Collision Prevention). The ferries are subject to the same rules as any other vessel in those waters. Maritime NZ is responsible for ensuring compliance with the Maritime Rules. Information about Maritime NZ's approach to ensuring compliance can be found on our website:

<http://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/about/what-we-do/compliance/>

Question 2

Maritime NZ is not aware of particulate emission regulation for ships in New Zealand. I have therefore advised Auckland Transport that Maritime NZ does not hold any information relevant to this part of your request. I understand Auckland Transport may write to you again regarding this part of your request.

Ombudsman's contact details

If you are dissatisfied with my decision on your request, you have the right to complain to an Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Contact details for the Office of the Ombudsman are available at: <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/>

Yours sincerely



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