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Ref: PS OIA 16-271

Graham Carter
Via FYI website

By Email: fyi-request-4798-0a1fe0e6@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr Carter,

Request for Official Information

Thank you for your email to the New Zealand Customs Service (Customs) dated 19 October 2016, in which you requested the following information:

1. How much of our [seafood] sold and consumed in NZ is imported?
2. How much imported seafood is checked and tested?
3. What precautions are taken to ensure that antibiotics, antifungals and antiparasitics are not in imported seafood?
4. Does Customs recognize the Country of Origin Labelling CoOL requirements?
5. What oversight or monitoring is done or carried out to ensure the correct regulations are adhered too?
6. What monitoring is done to ensure that restaurants, processed fish – fish markets indicate where their fish comes from and whether they were farmed or wild caught?

Your request has been treated as a request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

I understand you requested the same information from the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) and they provided most of the information you were seeking, but that they advised you to contact Customs and Statistics New Zealand (Statistics NZ) for information in relation to question 1.

Information is publicly available on Statistics NZ Infoshare page available at:

<http://www.stats.govt.nz/infoshare/TradeVariables.aspx?DataType=TIM> which will respond to question 1, with information on Seafood to be found in Chapters 3 and 16. I am, therefore, refusing your request under section 18(d) of the Act.

If this information is not fit for purpose, then please contact Customs at OIA@customs.govt.nz with a refined request. We will need to know the timeframe you are seeking the information for and the tariff codes for the types of seafood you are interested in. Our information can also be broken down by country of origin and either monthly or yearly aggregates.

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 the decisions conveyed in this letter. However, please contact Customs at the email address provided above in the first instance if you have any questions in relation to the information provided.

Yours sincerely,



Anne Marie Taggart
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