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Dear Harrison

Thank you for your email of 12 February 2019, to WorkSafe New Zealand requesting the following information:

- *Could I please request the test certificates*
 - (1) *for the following events:*
 - Auckland Cup Day at Alexandra Park on 31 Dec 2018
 - Wellington Sky Show – Matariki ki Pōneke 2018 July 14
 - Wellington's 2019 Chinese New Year Festival on 9 Feb 2019 at the Wellington Waterfront
 - Treetech Fireworks Spectacular at New Brighton Pier, Christchurch on 2 November 2018
 - (2) *for firework displays in 2018 & 2019 at the following venues:*
 - Huntly Speedway
 - Baypark Speedway
 - Paradise Valley Speedway, Rotorua
 - Wellington Speedway
 - Woodford Glen Speedway, Christchurch
 - Kihikihi Speedway
 - Meeanee Speedway, Napier
 - (3) *for all 2019 firework displays in Auckland*

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

As you may be aware, WorkSafe holds a register of compliance certificates issued by Compliance Certifiers under the Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) 2017 Regulations. From a search of the register we were able to find information on 29 Compliance Certificates covering the scope of your request.

In response to question one of your request, please find attached a copy of the Compliance Certificates for the following events:

- Auckland Cup Day;
- Wellington Sky Show;
- Wellington's 2019 Chinese New Year Festival; and
- Christchurch Treetech Fireworks Spectacular.

In response to questions two and three of your request, please find attached a copy of the 25 Compliance Certificates held by WorkSafe for the period 1 January 2018 to 15 February 2019. Some information has been withheld pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Further, we were unable to locate Compliance Certificates for the following events:

- Wellington Speedway;
- Woodford Glen Speedway, Christchurch; and
- Kihikihi Speedway Te Awamutu.

For this reason, I am refusing a portion of your request pursuant to section 18(e) of the OIA, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found. If you believe that there have been pyrotechnic displays at any of these venues without a compliance certificate, please notify us via <https://worksafe.govt.nz/notifications/health-or-safety-concern/> and complete our online form or phone 0800 030 040.

As per section 9(1) of the OIA, I do not consider that, in the circumstances of this case, the withholding of the information referred to above is outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable in the public interest to make the information available.

You have the right, by way of complaint under section 28(3) of the OIA, to request an investigation and review of this response by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

I trust that the information being provided to you is of assistance. If you require any further information, please contact oa@worksafe.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

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