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Dear John Hart

#### OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your email of 27 February 2013 requesting any documents that relate to animal welfare or deaths during the voyage of the livestock carrier Dareen, transporting dairy heifers to Jingtang, China during the early part of February 2013.

Given the scope of this request, we will not be able to respond within the timeframe set out in the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). Accordingly, the Ministry for Primary Industries has decided to extend the time limit for responding to your request pursuant to section 15A of the OIA. The Ministry will reply to your request by no later than 12 April.

The extension is necessary because:

- a) Your request necessitates a search through a large quantity of information and meeting the normal 20 working day time limit would unreasonably interfere with the operations of MPI; and
- b) Consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response to the request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

We anticipate that this release will involve a large number of documents. Therefore, we would appreciate if you could supply us with a physical address to post the documents to.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to extend the time frame for reply. A request must be made in writing to:

The Ombudsman  
Office of the Ombudsmen  
PO Box 10 152  
WELLINGTON

Yours sincerely



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