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Dear Sheldon Levett

I refer to your email of 24 September 2018 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"Any permits granted to NZ companies under Parts 1/2 of the Strategic Goods List, and associated correspondence, that have an intended destination country as one of the following: Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates. Limit the dates of the permits to the past 12 months. See the nature/quantity of the item being exported and the company exporting them."

On 23 October 2018 we advised you that we were extending the deadline to respond to your request by 18 working days to 23 November 2018.

Attached are the documents relevant to your request. Some portions of the documents are withheld under the following sections of the OIA:

- 9(2)(ba)(i): to protect the supply of confidential information by a third party;
- 9(2)(b)(ii): to avoid prejudice to the commercial position of another party.

This information has been provided in summary form in accordance with section 16(1)(e) of the OIA, as a detailed description of each item has been substituted with the relevant chapter heading from the NZ Strategic Goods List. We have included a blank template of a consent to export strategic goods for your information.

Regarding your request for associated correspondence relating to any permits granted, I am advised that most correspondence of this type are administrative in nature i.e. an email from a company with an attached permit application. As such we have not included those in our response. Some further correspondence has been entered into with some applicants. This correspondence is withheld in full under the following sections of the OIA:

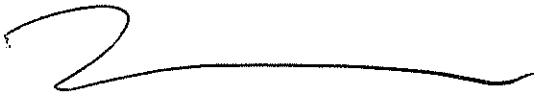
- 9(2)(ba)(i): to protect the supply of confidential information by a third party;
- 9(2)(b)(ii): to avoid prejudice to the commercial position of another party.

Where the information has been withheld under section 9 of the OIA, no public interest in releasing the information has been identified that would be sufficient to override the reasons for withholding it.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details redacted) and enclosed documents may be published on the Ministry's website.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek a review of this response by the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'W' followed by a long, horizontal, slightly wavy line that tapers off to the right.

Wendy Adams
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade