



An Roinn Gnóthaí
Eachtracha agus Trádála
Department of
Foreign Affairs and Trade

Our Ref: Fol/Req/19/094

12 March 2019

Dear Mr. Cameron,

I refer to the request which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for access to records held by this Department, as follows:

I am writing under Freedom of Information legislation to request the following information:

- *Copies of all communications or documents exchanged between DFA and the UK government regarding the ongoing revisions to the EU's so called bee guidance documents (EFSA Guidance Document on the Risk Assessment of Plant Protection Products on Bees) since August 2018.*
- *Copies of all communications or documents exchanged between DFA and the UK government regarding amendments to European Commission Regulation No 546/2011 as regards the assessment of the impact of plant protection products on honey bees since August 2018.*
- *Copies of any communications or documents exchanged between DFA and DG Sante on these two topics since August 2018*

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 6 March 2019.

I have identified 0 records that fall within the scope of your request. On that basis I am refusing your request on administrative grounds under Section 15(1)(a) – *the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken.*

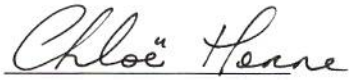
The regulation of the Irish beekeeping sector falls within the remit of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine. I would suggest re-submitting your request to this Department.

Right of Appeal

Should you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so in writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, 76-78 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2 or by email to foi@dfa.ie. A fee applies for an appeal for access to non-personal information; the level of this fee has been set at €30. For methods of payment, please contact FOI Unit at foi@dfa.ie, or 01-4082857.

You should make your appeal within 4 weeks (20 working days) from the date of this notification. However, the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this Department.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chloë Horne". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a thin horizontal line.

Chloë Horne