



Our reference: LEX 4541

19 August 2015

Peter Valexy

Via email: foi+request-1173-752a19a6@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Mr Valexy

**Freedom of Information Request
Information about HGP's**

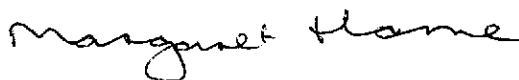
I refer to your request made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982 (FOI Act)* received on 17 August 2015, seeking access to documents concerning HGP's. A copy of your original request is at Attachment A.

2. In my view, your request as presently worded does not provide the information that is reasonably necessary for the APVMA to be able to identify documents,
3. On this basis, I intend to refuse access to the documents you requested. However, before I make a final decision to do this, you have an opportunity to revise your request.
4. You have 14 days, from the receipt of this notice, to consult with the APVMA concerning your request. The APVMA will assist you to revise your request so that the desired documents are sufficiently identified.
5. The APVMA publishes a substantial amount of information about its role in respect of HGP's on its website, at <http://apvma.gov.au/node/4136>. Given the general nature of your request, you may find that this information may answer your concerns, or you may wish to contact the APVMA's HGP program directly at hgp@apvma.gov.au or on (02) 6210 4758. Unlike the FOI regime, this approach is free of charge.
6. If you still wish to pursue your FOI application, under sub-section 24AB(6) of the FOI Act, you are required within the 14 day period to:
 - withdraw the request
 - make a revised request; or
 - indicate that you do not wish to revise the request.
7. If you do not consult with the APVMA or do one of these things within the next 14 days, your request will be taken to have been withdrawn. Even with consultation, if the scope of your request cannot be sufficiently revised, the request may be refused.
8. In order to assist you with a revision of the scope of you request, you may wish to consider:

- Specifying a date range.
- Specifying key search terms.
- Specifying types of documents.
- Removing broad 'catch all' terms, such as 'Any other information relevant to the above questions'.

9. If you have any questions about how best to formulate the request for access to documents, or require assistance in describing or identifying the documents that are the subject of the request, please contact the FOI team at foi@apvma.gov.au or on (02) 6210 4785.

Yours sincerely



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Principal Legal Officer
Legal and Compliance Program

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From: valexy <foi+request-1173-752a19a6@righttoknow.org.au>
Sent: Monday, 17 August 2015 2:36 PM
To: FOI
Subject: Freedom of Information request - Usage of HGP's in Australia

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Dear Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority,

I request the following information regarding.

1. The import and/or manufacture of HGP's to or in Australia.
3. The tonnage sold in Australia.
4. Which industries from 2000 to 2014 are the largest user of HGP's.
5. Advise, as to your written advise to AQIS on HGP'S usage, regarding overseas markets.
6. List all countries that have band HGP's from 2000 to current date.
7. Any other information relevant to the above questions.

Yours faithfully

Peter

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