



**Australian Government**  
**Australian Pesticides and**  
**Veterinary Medicines Authority**

Our reference: LEX 4659

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Maree Hamming

Via email: [foi+request-1422-fd24e703@righttoknow.org.au](mailto:foi+request-1422-fd24e703@righttoknow.org.au)

Dear Ms Hamming

**Freedom of Information Request**  
**Acknowledgement of Request**  
**Approval of K5 RHDV virus**

I acknowledge receipt of your application made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) received by the APVMA on 8 December 2015. Your request sought documents in relation to the approval of the K5 RHDV virus, including information about the date of approval and the date of release in Australia.


2. I am an officer of the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) authorised under section 23 of the FOI Act to make decisions in respect of access requests. I am also authorised to make decisions in respect of the publication of information released in response to access requests.

**Decision**

3. The APVMA has completed its document search and retrieval process. No document matching the terms of your request has been identified. This is because the application for the approval of the product K5 RHDV has not been decided.
4. I can inform you that the APVMA recently called for submissions in relation to the proposed approval. Information about this public consultation can be found here: <http://apvma.gov.au/node/19461>. I encourage you to read the further information provided on that webpage. Submissions can be made by 29 January 2016.
5. I have therefore decided to refuse your request under section 24A (1) of the FOI Act.
6. If you are concerned about the way your FOI request was handled you may formally lodge a complaint with the Commonwealth Ombudsman.

7. If you have any questions about this decision or wish to seek internal review of it, please contact the FOI team at [foi@apvma.gov.au](mailto:foi@apvma.gov.au) or on (02) 6210 4785.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Margaret Horne". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Margaret" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Horne".

Margaret Horne  
Principal Legal Officer  
Legal and Compliance Program