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Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

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Via email : foi+request-1448-c657c712@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Mr Skibba,

Re: Freedom of Information (FOI) Request

I refer to your request under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) to:

"a copy of documents and records involving the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) meeting in Atlanta, Georgia (30 Sep.-1 Oct.2015) including the keywords "regulation" or "medicine"".

I am authorised under section 23 of the FOI Act to make decisions, and have been appointed to be the decision-maker on your request in line with Departmental procedures.

This notice is to advise you that a search of files undertaken by the Department's Goods and Investment Branch, Office of Trade Negotiations and a further, centralised search of all Departmental electronic files undertaken by the Department's Corporate Records Section, Business Applications Branch has failed to identify any documents or files relating to the topic and timeframe of your request.

I am therefore satisfied that the documents sought do not exist and therefore in accordance with the provisions of section 24A(1)(b)(ii) of the FOI Act, your request for access is refused.

Please find your rights of review outlined below.

Internal review

Under the provisions of section 54 of the FOI Act, you are entitled to request a review of my decision. Your request should be made in writing and sent within 30 days of receipt of this letter addressed to:

Director
Freedom of Information and Privacy Law Section
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
R G Casey Building
John McEwen Crescent

Barton ACT 0221

Australian Information Commissioner

Under the provisions of section 54 of the FOI Act, you are entitled to request a review by the Australian Information Commissioner of my access refusal decision. You may also make a complaint to the Australian Information Commissioner under section 70 on the Department's performance of its functions or the exercise of power under the FOI Act.

Your request for review or complaint should be addressed to:

Office of the Australian Information Commissioner
GPO Box 5218
Sydney NSW 2001
email: enquiries@oaic.gov.au
Telephone: 1300 363 992
Fax: (02) 9284 9666

Complaints to the Commonwealth Ombudsman

You may complain to the Ombudsman concerning actions taken by an agency in the exercise of its powers or, more specifically, the performance of its functions under the FOI Act. There is no fee for making a complaint. The Ombudsman will conduct an independent investigation of your complaint.

You may complain to the Ombudsman by calling or writing to:

Commonwealth Ombudsman
Level 5, Childers Square,
14 Childers Street
Canberra City ACT 2601
email: ombudsman@ombudsman.gov.au
Telephone: 1300 362 072
Fax: (02) 6276 0123

Should you have any queries regarding this matter please contact your FOI case officer Felicia Nevins on (02) 6261 1419 or by email to foi@dfat.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Juliana Nam
A/g Assistant Secretary
Goods and Investment Branch, Office of Trade Negotiations