

Official Information Act Request

Requester's details

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Tēnā koe e [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request received on 8 April 2022 for the following information:

1. A list of all agencies (public and private) with whom you either have a formal or informal partnership with (and state which) regarding border security matters.
2. A brief description (one sentence) of the purpose of that relationship.

The EPA is the government agency responsible for regulating activities that affect New Zealand's environment. As an independent regulator, we do have some relationships with other agencies that are mandated by legislation, such as the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 and Ozone Layer Protection Act 1996 and associated regulations.

The EPA has roles specified in these and other legislation that are associated with permitting and approving the lawful entry of certain goods, allowing some activities, and participating in enforcement. Please note that being mandated by legislation means that in some cases, these relationships can be more formal than they would be under memoranda of understanding. If you require more detail about the EPA's working relationship with any particular agency, please email us at: ministerials@epa.govt.nz

The information you have requested may be found below in a table based on the template you provided. I hope this information is helpful. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. You can contact the Ombudsman on 0800 802 602, or by email at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via ministerials@epa.govt.nz

We may publish your request and our response on our website, www.epa.govt.nz. We make OIA responses available so others can read more about the work we do and the questions we are asked. Any information that might identify you will be removed to protect your privacy.

Nāku noa nā



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Official Information Act response re border security information for Nikki Johnson, ENQ-43762-J5W1P2

Agency	Relationship	Description
New Zealand Customs Service	Formal and informal	Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 Cooperation on operational and enforcement activities
	Informal	Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Act 1998 and associated Orders Cooperation on operation and enforcement activities
	Formal and informal	Ozone Layer Protection Act 1996 and associated Regulations Cooperation on operation and enforcement activities
	Informal	Compliance, Monitoring, and Enforcement cooperation on border security
Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE)	Informal	Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Act 1998 and associated Orders MBIE administers this legislation.
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT)	Informal	Ozone Layer Protection Act 1996 and associated Regulations Cooperation on international relations
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	Informal	Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 Cooperation on operational activities

Agency	Relationship	Description
Ministry for the Environment (MfE)	Formal	Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 MfE administers this legislation, co-operation on policy activities
	Informal	Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Act 1998 and associated Orders The EPA is the Competent Authority and MfE is the National Focal Point for the Basel Convention on Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Waste. Co-operation on policy activities
	Formal and informal	Ozone Layer Protection Act 1996 and associated Regulations EPA is the National Focal Point and MfE is the Focal Point for Licensing Systems. Co-operation on policy activities
Ministry of Health (MoH)	Informal	Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 General interactions
Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI)	Formal	Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 Co-operation on operational and enforcement activities
	Informal	Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Act 1998 and associated Orders General interactions
Maritime NZ	Informal	Ozone Layer Protection Act 1996 and associated Regulations General interactions
	Formal	Cooperation on various maritime related border security issues
WorkSafe New Zealand	Formal	Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 Co-operation on operational and enforcement activities