



Official Information Act Request

Requester's details

Date: 25 February 2022

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Reference number: ENQ-43324-L0M9K9

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request received on 14 January 2022 for the following information:

“Would you please be able to provide copies of the pfizer SARS CoV2 vaccine BNT 162b2 manufacturers information that was provided to EPA and was used by EPA in its decision not to undertake its own testing of the vaccine, and any correspondence between EPA and the manufacturer regarding the vaccine, its ingredients and hazards.”

One document has been withheld in its entirety under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Official Information Act (the OIA), as the release of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the organisation that supplied the information.

I do not consider in the circumstances of this particular case, the withholding of the information is outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

The remaining information you have requested is enclosed. Names and contact details for some individuals have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons.

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 at 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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Allan Freeth', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr Allan Freeth
Chief Executive