

**From:** [Redacted]@scottishseafarms.com

**Sent:** 12 June 2018 10:02

**To:** [Redacted] (MARLAB)

**Subject:** RE: Request for information under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004

**Importance:** High

Dear [Redacted],

Thank you for informing us of the request under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs) for information on imports of Atlantic salmon ova into Scotland during 2017 and 2018. Whilst we understand that this consultation is a courtesy, not a statutory obligation, we wish to raise our objection to the release of specific categories of under 12.—(5) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(a), a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that its disclosure would adversely affect - (e) the confidentiality of commercial or industrial information where such confidentiality is provided by law to protect a legitimate economic interest. [Redacted]

[redacted]

Should you require clarification on any of the above please don't hesitate to contact me, and I would appreciate to be informed as to the outcome of your decision.

Best regards,

[Redacted]

[redacted]

**From:** [Redacted]@gov.scot

**Sent:** 07 June 2018 15:22

**To:** [Redacted]@scottishseafarms.com

**Subject:** Request for information under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004

Dear [Redacted]

The Scottish Government has received a request under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs) for information on imports of Atlantic salmon ova into Scotland during 2017 and 2018. Through the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Scotland) Regulations 2012, Marine Scotland holds data on the date of import, the company which has imported ova into Scotland, the site the ova were placed onto, the amount, the country of origin and the company of origin.

You have an interest in the information which has been requested because your company is one of those that imported ova during 2017/2018, and the details described above may be released in relation to your company. The information relating to your company is as follows:

Date	Site of destination	Operator	Consignee on certificate (if different from operator)	Species	Stage	Number	Source Country	Source Company
18/01/2017	Knock Hatchery	Scottish Sea Farms Ltd		SAL	OVA	1,500,000	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
09/02/2017	Couldoran Incubation Unit	Scottish Sea Farms Ltd		SAL	OVA	1,500,000	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
07/11/2017	Couldoran Incubation Unit	Scottish Sea Farms Ltd		SAL	OVA	745,000	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
18/01/2018	Knock	Scottish Sea Farms Ltd		SAL	OVA	1,550,000	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
15/02/2018	Couldoran Incubation Unit	Scottish Sea Farms Ltd		SAL	OVA	1,600,000	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
09/02/2017	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	SAL	OVA	400,000	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
23/02/2017	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	SAL	OVA	2,200,000	[Redacted]	[Redacted]

30/11/2017	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	SAL	OVA	400,000	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
08/12/2017	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	SAL	OVA	300,000	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
07/02/2018	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	SAL	OVA	1,500,000	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
01/03/2018	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Scottish Sea Farms Ltd	SAL	OVA	800,000	[Redacted]	[Redacted]

I am writing to ask you for your views on whether this information should be disclosed, before we make a decision on the request. Please note that this consultation is a courtesy, not a statutory obligation, and you do not have a veto on disclosure of the information. Under the terms of the EIRs, the decision on whether or not to release the information is for the Scottish Government alone. However, we will take account of your views.

I should also explain that we can withhold information only if an exception under the EIRs applies to that information and the public interest in disclosure is not outweighed by the public interest in upholding the exception. You can find detailed information about the EIRs on our website at: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/about/foi> or on the Scottish Information Commissioner's website at: <http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/home/ScottishInformationCommissioner.asp>

In order to ensure that we meet our statutory duty to respond to the request within 20 working days of receiving it, I must ask for your views by 15 June 2018.

Regards

[Redacted]

**[Redacted]**

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Marine Scotland Science

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