

The exception applied in this instance is:

Some of the information you have requested has been withheld under regulations 10(4)(d) (material in the course of completion, unfinished documents or incomplete data). This exception is subject to the 'public interest test'. Therefore, taking account of all the circumstances of this case, we have considered if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exception. We have found that, on balance, the public interest lies in favour of upholding the exception. We recognise that there is some public interest in releasing the information as part of an open, transparent and accountable government. However, there is a greater public interest in withholding documents that are incomplete to ensure only relevant and accurate information is in the public domain for consumers, retailers and producers. This information is likely to be finalised once the scheme is operational, therefore, you may wish to request this information again at this time.

In addition, information has been redacted under Regulation 11 (Personal Data) as it contains personal information and disclosing it would contravene the data protection principles in Article 5(1) of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and in Section 34(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018. This exception is not subject to the 'public interest test'.