

Public Interest Test – FOI

Reference Number – DAERA/26-143

Requested Information

Requestor has asked to be provided with copies of all Export Health Certificates and associated documents issued by the Department in 2025 for the export of poultry and pig manure. This information contains the names and addresses of businesses engaged in exports of pig and poultry manure from Northern Ireland.

Exemption / Exception under consideration

FOIA 2000 Exemption Section 43 (2) Commercial Interests.

Reasons why the public interest would favour disclosure:

- Public interest in transparency in the work of the Department;
- DAERA's policy to be as open and transparent as possible in relation to its functions and activities;

Reasons why the public interest would favour withholding:

- The release of this information and the quantity of export health certificates requested would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of those businesses allowing the overall size of the market and size of the market share for each exporter to be identified.
- There is not known significant public interest in this data

Conclusion

Following consideration of the Public Interest Test the Department has decided the exemption should be maintained. As there is no significant public interest in this data and the release of the data could have an adverse impact on the commercial interests of the parties concerned and their ability to continue to operate successfully within their business area.

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