



**An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála**  
**Baile Átha Cliath 2**

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**Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade**  
**Dublin 2**

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Your Ref: KEM/CCK 01402449

Our Ref: FOI/REQ/14/020

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To Whom to Concerns

I refer to your recent application under the Freedom of Information Acts 1997 & 2003 to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for access to records as follows:

*Copies of all correspondence between the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and any or all of the following organisations, in respect of any proposal to require that tobacco products are sold in standard or plain packs, including without limitation the proposed measures contained in the General Scheme of the Public Health (Standardised Packaging of Tobacco) Bill 2013 since 1 January 2012:*

- *The US Chamber of Commerce;*
- *The Emergency Committee for American Trade;*
- *The National Association of Manufacturers;*
- *The United States Council for international Business;*
- *The National Foreign Trade Council;*
- *The Transatlantic Business Council.*

*Copies of all minutes/notes of meetings and telephone calls between the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and any or all of the following organisations, in respect of any proposal to require that tobacco products are sold in standard or plain packs, including without limitation the proposed measures contained in the General Scheme of the Public Health (Standardised Packaging of Tobacco) Bill 2013 since 1 January 2012:*

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I have identified 10 records which fall within the scope of your request. These records are listed in the attached schedule. I have made a decision to grant access to all records, which are included hereunder.

**Right of Appeal**

Should you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so in writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, 76-78 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2. You should make your appeal within 4 weeks (20 working days) from the date of this notification. However, the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this Department.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie O'Brien".

Julie O'Brien

FOI Officer