



An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála
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Your Ref: KEM/CCK 01402449

Our Ref: FOI/REQ/14/024

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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 members (current and former) of any other Government, Non-Governmental Organisation, public body or charity in the European Union or Australia 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.

Copies of all minutes/notes of meetings and telephone calls between the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and members (current and former) of any other Government, Non-Governmental Organisation, public body or charity in the European Union or Australia 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.

I have identified 3 records which fall within the scope of your request. These records are listed in the attached schedule. I have decided to refuse access to the records under Sections 24(1) and (2) – *international relations and diplomatic communications* - and Section 46 – *a record held by the Office of the Attorney-General* – of the FOI Act.

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". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Julie O'Brien

FOI Officer