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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FoI) request received on 17 November. You wrote:

*I am requesting a complete, machine-readable dataset of all UK marketing authorisations (MAs) for human medicines held by the MHRA.*

*Specifically, I would like the following information for every product licence (PL / PLGB / PLNI) from the earliest date available up to the present:*

- *Product Licence Number (PL, PLGB, or PLNI)*
- *Product name*
- *Active substance(s)*
- *Marketing Authorisation Holder (MAH)*
- *Date of first authorisation in the UK*
- *Dates of subsequent variations, renewals, suspensions, revocations, or withdrawals (if available)*
- *Current status of each licence (e.g. active, suspended, withdrawn)*
- *Pharmaceutical form and strength (if available)*

*I would like this information in a machine-readable format such as CSV or Excel. If different datasets exist for historical and current licences, please include both or as much as is reasonably available.*

*This request covers human medicines only (not veterinary).*

### **MHRA Response**

Unfortunately, the information falling within the description specified in your request is exempt under Section 12(2) of the Freedom of Information Act, as to do so would exceed the cost limit.

This is because we estimate the cost of checking if we hold the requested information or not would exceed the cost limit of £600 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. This represents the estimated cost of at least one person spending 3½ working days (equivalent to 24 staff-hours) in

determining whether the Agency holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it.

Under Section 12(2) of the FOI Act the Agency is not therefore obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing it further. The reason being that to provide details of all "subsequent variations, renewals, suspensions, revocations, or withdrawals" would require searches to be done across each marketing authorisation individually to acquire this information. Considering that there are over 20,000 current granted marketing authorisations alone, to provide this information alone would take us over 24 working hours.

Under Section 16 of the FOI Act we should help you narrow your request so that it may fall beneath the cost limit. We recommend that you simplify your request to a subset of data, such as a list of current granted marketing authorisations. From there, you can submit further requests, asking for information on the licence history of a few marketing authorisations you are particularly interested in.

There is information currently in the public domain of marketing authorisations granted by year, please see the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/marketing-authorisations-lists-of-granted-licences>

Further information can be found in the Summaries of Product Characteristics (SmPCs), Patient Information Leaflets (PILs) and Public Assessment Reports (PARs) that are available through the MHRA Products Portal that is linked below:

<https://products.mhra.gov.uk/>

We have also provided lists of marketing authorisations currently granted in the UK in response to previous FOI requests. Please see attached a list of granted marketing authorisations that was sent out in response to a previous FOI request (FOI2025/00058), which contains a list of all current granted marketing authorisations as of 09 January 2025.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

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Any request for an internal review must be received by us within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please note we are not obliged to provide a review if it is requested after more than 40 working days.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Website: [ICO Contact Information](#) or telephone 0303 123 1113.

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<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3/>