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Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FoI) request received on 30 September 2024. You wrote:

> *"I would like to request a copy of all inspection reports and Post Inspection Letters from 30 Sep 2022 to 30 Sep 2024 held by the MHRA for:*
> *Mawdsley-Brooks & Company Ltd.*
> [redacted]

MHRA Response

We can confirm that the Agency holds the information you are seeking.

However, we are engaging an exemption from disclosure under Section 30 of the FoI Act, which protects information as part of ongoing Investigations and Proceedings Conducted by Public Authorities.

However, the inspection findings are currently subject to an on-going regulatory procedure in that the inspection has not been closed out. Therefore, for this inspection, the information that you have requested currently cannot be disclosed.

Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) the applicable exemption is section 30: "Investigations and Proceedings Conducted by Public Authorities"

We have considered the balance of the public interest when applying this exemption. The section 30 exemption is to ensure that the regulatory authority is able to carry out its statutory functions efficiently, fairly, unimpeded and confidentially. In this case I have not identified any issues which would benefit the public as a whole by being brought to their attention (examples of issues would be a major public health risk or a major procedural failure or irregularity) and find that premature publication of the report could be misleading, as the findings are incomplete.

On balance MHRA is satisfied that in this instance the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure. Therefore, the information you seek will not be released.

The report will be available when this procedure has reached its conclusion and you are asked to re-apply at that time.

The time period during which the regulatory procedure will be completed is uncertain as it is difficult to estimate how long a company may take until they are in a position to confirm their remedial actions have been put in place but you are advised to re-apply in a few months' time.

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

Yours sincerely,

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