



## Medicines & Healthcare products Regulatory Agency

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 29 August. You wrote:

*Please provide a copy of the Letter of No Objection issued by MHRA for batch EJ0553 (the Agency's retained copy), redacted only for personal data.*

*If you do not hold a retained copy, please confirm that as a formal "information not held" statement.*

*If the letter is held but you consider it exempt, please identify the specific exemption and, where applicable, how the public-interest test has been applied.*

*Please provide the information in electronic format where possible.*

### **MHRA Response**

The Agency has completed its search for the information you have requested and we are able to confirm that we do hold the information you have requested.

Please find the Letter of No Objection attached.

Please note that some of the information in the letter cannot be disclosed and is being exempt from release for the reasons below.

We consider that the information is exempt under Section 40(2) of the Fol Act.

#### **Section 40(2)**

We are unable to provide you with some of the information requested as it constitutes personal data of someone other than yourself and as such, it is being withheld in accordance with section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 40(2) exempts information in response to a request if it is personal data belonging to an individual other than the requester and it satisfies one of the conditions listed in the legislation. In this case the condition contained in section 40(3A)(a) applies - that disclosure would breach one of the data protection principles, specifically that "Personal data shall be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner...".

We do not consider that disclosing this information is necessary or justified in order to satisfy your information request and the requirements of the FoI Act. In relation to this request, we consider that there is no strong legitimate interest that would override the prejudice to the rights and freedoms of the data subject.

Personal data are subject to UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018.

MHRA maintains the following policy on disclosure of personal information:

"All personal information held in MHRA records is regarded as confidential. Information will not normally be disclosed to third parties without the consent of the person concerned. Information may normally be disclosed without consent to meet statutory requirements; to comply with a court order; to prevent duplication of payments from public funds; or where there is a compelling public interest in making the disclosure."

All disclosures made by MHRA, in order to be considered authorised must be able to demonstrate that at least one of the above criteria apply.

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

Yours sincerely,

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## **Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act**

If you are not happy with this response you may request an internal review by e-mailing [foi.request@mhra.gov.uk](mailto:foi.request@mhra.gov.uk) or by writing to: MHRA Central Freedom of Information Team, 10 South, Colonnade, Canary Wharf, London, E14 4PU

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 FOI and EIR complaints](#) or telephone 0303 123 1113.

## **Re-use of our information**

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