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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F 2010 01486

Keyword: Crime

Subject: DETAILS OF POLICE INVESTIGATIONS INTO A CROSS BORDER BEEF SCAM

Request and Answer:

We would be obliged if you would provide us with written information in accordance with your obligations under The Freedom of Information Act on the following matters:

1. Details of police investigations into a cross border beef scam which occurred in around December 2003. The incident involved cattle which were originally stolen from Marts in Co. Laois and Ennis Co Clare and were detected thereafter at cattle feed lots in County Tyrone.
2. Details of co-operation and investigations carried out between the Northern Ireland veterinary service central enforcement team and the special investigation unit of the Dublin department of agriculture with the PSNI in relation to this matter.
3. Any information you can disclose in relation to criminal investigations and or charges that resulted from your investigation.
4. Details of how the above investigation concluded.

Searches were conducted however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible, or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing foi@psni.pnn.police.uk.

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You

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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.