



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-00461

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Counterfeit Goods 2013 - 2014

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Please provide details of the total value of counterfeit goods seized in C District in 2014.

Answer

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you in full.

While the details of seized 'counterfeit goods' are recorded on the PSNI system, these goods do not have a 'value' assigned to them by the PSNI.

Please note that due to the nature of 'counterfeit goods' any valuation could only be an estimation, as these goods do not represent the same value as the genuine product they emulate.

Question 2

The total value of counterfeit goods seized in C District in 2013.

Answer

See the answer to question 1.

Question 3

Types of goods seized in C District.

Answer

The types of counterfeit goods seized in C District in 2013 and 2014 include counterfeit clothing, computer parts or accessories, cosmetics, currency, drugs, footwear, jewellery, personal accessories, radio / TV goods, and tobacco products.

Please note: This information is based on data extracted from a live recording system and may be subject to change. It is dependent on the information having been input into the system in such a way as to identify those records that are relevant.

Question 4

The total value of counterfeit goods seized in Northern Ireland in 2014.

Answer

See the answer to question 1.

Question 5

Types of goods seized in Northern Ireland.

Answer

The types of counterfeit goods seized within Northern Ireland in 2014 include counterfeit clothing, communication devices, computer parts or accessories, cosmetics, currency, documents, foodstuff, footwear, machinery or tools, personal accessories, radio / TV goods, and tobacco products.

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Question 6

Reports of counterfeit goods advertised on face book for sale in Northern Ireland over the past two years.

Answer

A free text search through the calls for service made to PSNI during 2013 and 2014 where the call contained both of the words 'counterfeit' and 'face book' resulted in a total of 5 such reports being identified, 2 in 2013 and 3 in 2014.

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If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

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 can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

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