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Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000: Bankruptcy

Thank you for your enquiry dated 19 April requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act").

You asked –

What is chapter 11 bankruptcy and is this what the United Kingdom is in at the moment?

The Freedom of Information Act provides a right of access to recorded information. Although we are always glad to address general enquiries such as this, they do not fall to be dealt with under the Act. You may find it helpful to read the Information Commissioner's advice to FOI requesters; I attach a copy.

To be helpful, I offer two web links: the first is to the website of the US courts covering this topic; the second is to the Insolvency Service website, which provides guidance on the UK regime.

<http://www.uscourts.gov/bankruptcycourts/bankruptcybasics/chapter11.html>

<http://www.insolvency.gov.uk/>

Such legislation does not apply to nation states. The United Kingdom continues to be awarded the highest AAA credit rating – see the following news coverage link. This means it can continue to service borrowing requirements at the most competitive rates.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/8567682.stm>

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. It will be helpful to us if you remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

If you are not happy with this reply, you may request a review by writing to HM Treasury, Information Rights Unit, 2/S2, 1 Horse Guards Road, London SW1A 2HQ.

Email FOI.responses@hmtreasury.gsi.gov.uk

Any review request must be made within 2 months of the date of this letter.

It would assist our review if you set out which aspects of the reply concern you and why you are dissatisfied.

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

