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Dear G Simmonds

Thank you for your email of 27 September 2017 where you requested the following information:

Can you please provide me with a list of non-EU countries with whom the UK currently enjoys trade benefits as a result of EU trade deals with these countries and our membership of the EU?

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'), you have the right to:

- know whether we hold the information you require; and
- be provided with that information (subject to any exemptions under the Act which may apply).

I can confirm that the department does hold records that fall within the scope of your request.

The information requested is exempt from disclosure by virtue of Section 21 (Information accessible to the applicant by other means) of the Act. This is because information relating to EU and non-EU country trade deals and their relative benefits has previously been published.

The benefits are available to view or download from the GOV.UK website at: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/importing-and-exporting-using-international-trade-preferences

The below link includes a list of countries with which the EU has or is negotiating agreements:

http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/countries-and-regions/negotiations-and-agreements/

Appeals Procedure

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within 40 working days of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be sent to the Information Rights Unit at:

Information Rights Unit 1 Victoria Street London SW1H 0ET E-mail: foi.requests@bis.gsi.gov.uk

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

Information Rights Unit.