

Steve Elibank

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Website: www.gov.uk/browse/driving

Your Ref:
Our Ref: FOIR6237

Date: 12 September 2017

Dear Mr Elibank

Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your e-mail of 16 August requesting information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please give me a list of the codes/prefixes which are allocated to foreign countries and international organisations for their diplomatic cars.

Whilst DVLA holds this information the Agency considers the information you are requesting to be exempt from disclosure in accordance with section 27(1)(a) of the FOIA because disclosure of this information would be likely to prejudice relations between the UK and other States. Before relying on this exemption, a public interest test has been carried out, the outcome of which found that the factors for withholding the information outweigh the need for disclosure. Full details of the public interest test carried out can be found in the attached Annex.

DVLA also considers this information to be exempt in accordance with section 40(2) of the FOIA, which exempts DVLA from providing personal information. Registration numbers are regarded as personal information as they can lead to the identification of an individual. DVLA has to consider whether releasing the information would breach any of the data protection principles. In this instance, it would not be fair to release information that could lead to the identification of individuals.

The information which follows concerns the procedures for making any complaint you might have about the reply. Please quote the reference number of this letter in any future communications about it.

Yours sincerely



Robert Toft
Head of Data Sharing Policy & Freedom of Information Team

Your right to complain to DVLA and the Information Commissioner

If you are not happy with the reply to your request, you can ask DVLA to re-consider the response you received by writing (within two calendar months of receiving this response) to either foi@dvla.gsi.gov.uk or DVLA Freedom of Information Team, DSPG/FOI, D16, DVLA, Swansea SA6 7JL.

DVLA will acknowledge and consider your request, re-visiting the response provided. This is known as an Internal Review and will be considered by a staff member not involved with the original reply.

If you disagree with the outcome of the Internal Review, you have the option to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office. Further information can be found via: <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/getting/> Alternatively you may wish to write to: Customer Contact, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.