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Your Ref: FOI 404 Point of Sale

FAO: Ms Margaret MacLeod

Dear Sirs

**Freedom of Information Request to the University of Stirling dated 27 August 2010 -
Point of Sale Display of Tobacco Products**

We refer to your letter dated 17 September 2010 in response to our freedom of information request dated 27 August 2010 on behalf of our client Philip Morris International.

In that letter you seek further clarification of our request. In particular, you ask whether our request is intended to include information held by you as at the time of our renewed request, which was not held by you at the time of our request of 14 September 2009. We note that it has taken 21 days for you to formulate this request for clarification. We would refer you to paragraph 20 of the Scottish Ministers' Code of Practice on the Discharge of Functions by Public Authorities under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. This states (at paragraph 20) that "[w]here more information is needed to clarify the request, it is important that the applicant is contacted as soon as possible, preferably by telephone, fax or e-mail ... the Commissioner will take a hard stance against any authority that uses clarification as a means of delaying dealing with an application".

In response to your request for clarification, please treat our request as a request for information held at the date on which you received our renewed request, i.e. as at the date you received our letter dated 27 August. We attach a copy of our original letter dated 14 September 2009 which sets out the information requested.

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Please address your response for the attention of Patricia Barratt and Luke Tolaini. In view of the very long history of this request (and of the Code of Practice brought to your attention above) we would, however, expect you to respond without further delay. If you do have any further queries or wish for any further elucidation on any point, we would ask that you call Patricia Barratt on the direct number listed above in order to avoid further delay in this matter. If for any reason you are unable to obtain an immediate response from this number, then please ask to speak to Luke Tolaini.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clifford Chance LLP". The script is cursive and fluid, with the letters "Clifford" and "Chance" being more prominent than "LLP".

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