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Ref: FOI2018/14190

Dear Mr Fry

Freedom of Information Act 2000: bills of exchange

Thank you for your enquiry of 15 August 2018.

You asked for the following information:

"Please can you be so kind as to confirm and provide the information you hold that relates to whether tender can be made and is valid by transfer by endorsement of a bill of exchange on inland bills.

And if the stamp duty is still required or if that is only in Irealand."

A Freedom of Information (FOI) request must describe the specific recorded information sought. We believe that the terms of your enquiry do not constitute a valid request for recorded information within the meaning of section 8(1)(c) of the FOI Act, as it is not a request for specific information. We are therefore responding outside the Act.

Regarding the first part of your request, UK legislation is published on the GOV.UK website at:

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/

Regarding the second part of your request, Stamp Duty used to be chargeable on bills of exchange. The charge on this type of instrument was abolished by Finance Act 1970, with effect from 1 February 1971.

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Yours sincerely

Information Rights Unit

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