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Dear Mr Daniel,

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Stockpiling food in a 'no-deal' Brexit**

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on 1 August, about stockpiling food in a 'no-deal' Brexit. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You have asked for the Department to release any correspondence between Defra and food or industry bodies directly relating to the stockpiling of food in the case of a no-deal exit from the European Union.

We are writing to advise you that the information that you have requested is not held by Defra.

The Government does not have any plans to stockpile food. The UK has a high degree of food security with access to a diverse range of sources of food supply, including domestic production. This will continue to be the case after we leave the EU. The Government is committed to securing the best deal for the food, fishery and farming sectors, whilst ensuring that consumers continue to have a wide range of choice of high quality food products at affordable prices.

We attach an annex giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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## **Annex**

### **Complaints**

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request you may make a complaint or appeal against our decision under section 17(7) of the FOIA or under regulation 18 of the EIRs, as applicable, within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please write to Nick Teall, Head of Information Rights, Area 4A, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR (email: [InformationRequests@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:InformationRequests@defra.gsi.gov.uk)) and he will arrange for an internal review of your case. Details of Defra's complaints procedure are on our [website](#).

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, section 50 of the FOIA and regulation 18 of the EIRs gives you the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Please note that generally the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted Defra's own complaints procedure. The ICO can be contacted at:

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