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Dear Ms Johnson,

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 18th June 2016 requesting the following information:

'I am having a dispute with a company who claim on their website that they supply the Royal Navy. They are tubdirect.co.uk. Do they supply you? If not, will you pursue them for using your name?'

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that the company Tub Direct are not a main supplier of these type of goods to the Royal Navy.

Under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act, 'Duty to Provide Advice and Assistance', I can advise you that while Tub Direct are not main suppliers to the Royal Navy, there may have been an instance in the past when a purchase was made from them by a naval unit on a single occasion at a local level.

In answer to your second question, the Ministry of Defence does not allow any contractor to use the Royal Navy logo as an endorsement in any of their advertisements and Tub Direct have now removed all reference to the Royal Navy from their Internet website..

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 2nd Floor, Zone N, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely

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