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Right to Know CLG  
25 Herbert Place, Dublin 2

**Re: AIE request: AIE.24.004**

Dear Right to know,

I refer to your request for information under the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 to 2018. You requested the following:

- [1) a copy of the register of controlled finishing units (CFUs) or feedlots
- 2) list of CFUs with bTB outbreaks in 2024

A final decision on your request was made today by the undersigned. I can be contacted by telephone on 015058645 and will seek to answer any questions you /may have regarding your request.

Having considered your request, my decision is to refuse you access to the information sought.



Access to information sought is refused in accordance with Article 8(a)(i), which provides as follows:

*8. A public authority shall not make available environmental information in accordance with article 7 where disclosure of the information—*

*(a) would adversely affect*

*(i) the confidentiality of personal information relating to a natural person who has not consented to the disclosure of the information, and where that confidentiality is otherwise protected by law*

It is my decision that the confidentiality of the records in question is otherwise protected by law under Section 37(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014. This provides that:

*37. (1) Subject to this section, a head shall refuse to grant an FOI request if, in the opinion of the head, access to the record concerned would involve the disclosure of personal information (including personal information relating to a deceased individual).*

*And*

*9. (1) A public authority may refuse to make available environmental information where disclosure of the information requested would adversely affect—*

*(c) commercial or industrial confidentiality, where such confidentiality is provided for in national or Community law to protect a legitimate economic interest*

In arriving at a decision on your request, I confirm that I have had regard to the provisions of Article 10 of the Regulations, as a decision to refuse to disclose



information under Articles 8 and/or 9 must not be taken in isolation from the relevant provisions in Article 10.

In line with Article 10(3), my deliberations have included weighing the public interest served by disclosure against the interest served by refusal. The factors in favour of withholding this information, are not disclosing personal and commercially sensitive records. I have decided that, on balance, the public interest in this case is best served by withholding this information.

If for any reason you wish to appeal this decision you may do so by writing to the Freedom of Information Unit at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Pavilion A, Grattan Business Centre, Dublin Road, Portlaoise, Co. Laois, R32 K857. You may also submit your appeal by e-mail to: [foi@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:foi@agriculture.gov.ie). You must make your appeal within one month of this notification.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Karina Wrigley'.

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