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12th October 2015

Re: FOI request 2015/261

I refer to the appeal which you made under the Freedom of Information Acts 2014 and the subsequent decision letter dated 1st September 2015.

I, Gearóid McHugh, Assistant Principal Officer, am a more senior member of the staff of this body than the person making the first decision and I have decided on 12th October 2015 to affirm the original decision on your request. This decision on review is an entirely new and separate decision on your request, and is explained as such below.

Your original request, sought access to the following records:

1. All correspondence (contact) to and from schools wrt general level of satisfaction with the product and it's suppliers G.Morgan and Sons Ltd.
2. All correspondence to and from GMorgan re disputing the veracity of our claims.
3. Copy of Certificate supplied by Satra and letters to and from Satra re Certification to the required standard
4. Correspondence (comprehensive reply) received from Satra which raises further questions about the validity of our claims
5. Minutes/notes or record of our meeting with Mary Cregg PO - date 24-4-12.

And subsequent briefing of Mr T Plunkett by MCregg.

6. Minutes (notes) of DoES technical staff's examination of sample of product provided and their report and recommendation. Also name/s of technical officer/ involved in the process.
7. All notes/annotations attached to this file wrt your letter dated 26-3-15.

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In arriving at this decision I have had regard to the original request, the records which were located as part of that request and the appeal letter which you subsequently submitted. Having regard to the aforementioned I have decided to affirm the decision made by the original decision maker in relation to your request.

You may appeal this decision by writing to the Information Commissioner at 18 Lower Leeson Street, Dublin 2. There is a fee of €50 for such appeals, other than appeals against a decision to impose a fee. If you wish to appeal, you must usually do so not later than 6 months from the date of this notification. Should you write to the Information Commissioner making an appeal, please refer to this letter.

If an appeal is made by you and accepted, the Information Commissioner will fully investigate and consider the matter and issue a fresh decision.

Yours sincerely,



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