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I refer to your email of 9 March 2022 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

You have spoken of banning items sold to the Russian Army that we will be banning. Can you please advise what these items are.

The Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade has issued, by Notice in the [Gazette](#), a prohibition on the export of all goods intended for use by the Russian military and security forces, including any armed force, paramilitary force, police force, or militia. It is a criminal offence in the Customs and Excise Act to knowingly export a prohibited good.

In addition to the items listed in the New Zealand [Strategic Goods List 2021](#), the prohibition on exports applies to all goods if the end-user of the goods are the Russian military or security forces described above, including exports such as food and medical supplies.

The prohibition does not apply in a situation of ordinary exports to Russia, such as food, where the end users are not military or security forces. However, it is incumbent upon exporters to do their own due diligence to ensure they are not knowingly exporting to the Russian military and security forces.

Please note that we may publish this letter (with your personal details redacted) on the Ministry's website.

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade