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Tēnā koe

Thank you for your email of 24 December 2025 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"What advice, if any, was given by MFAT to its minister or Cabinet about the increased exposure of New Zealand businesses to modern slavery practices by the NZ-India FTA?"

Your request is refused in full under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information does not exist.

Further information about the outcome of the New Zealand-India Free Trade Agreement is available on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade website. The full text of the Agreement will be published on the website upon signature at the latest.

<https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/trade/free-trade-agreements>

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information removed) may be published on the Ministry website:

www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/

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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