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Thank you for your email of 29 June 2026, in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"Since the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade is the stated legislated administrator of the Geneva Conventions Act 1958, would you be so kind as to please send me a brief commentary of the coverage of Section 8(1)(e) of the Geneva Conventions Act 1958. That is, especially how it's two criteria of judging an imitation misuse of the Red Cross Emblem, operate."

Response to your request

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) does not hold a brief commentary of the coverage of Section 8(1)(e) of the Geneva Conventions Act 1958. Accordingly, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information requested does not exist. Please note that the OIA does not require the Ministry to create information.

For completeness, we consider that the Ministry's internal legal advice on section 8(1)(e) of the Geneva Conventions Act 1958 does not comprise commentary and is not in scope of your request.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SC', written in a cursive style.

Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade