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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information

Thank you for your email of 31 May 2017 requesting the following information:

'it has been reported in the newspapers that HMS Monmouth has recently seized and destroyed a huge cache of drugs in the Indian Ocean.

Sources:

<http://www.plymouthherald.co.uk/plymouth-warship-seizes-65million-of-cocaine-and-heroin-in-major-drug-bust/story-30364639-detail/story.html>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4559362/Royal-Navy-seizes-65m-drugs-haul-Indian-fishing-boat.html>

I wish to know the nationality of the fishing boat from which the drugs were seized. Was it registered with India or was it registered with any other country?'

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

A search has confirmed that information is held which falls within the scope of your request. The fishing boat from which the drugs were seized was without nationality, since it was not, at the time of the boarding and seizure, registered with any flag State.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, Zone D, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely

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