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Dear

Thank you for your email of 25 August 2015 requesting the following information:

*"Would it be possible if you could please forward to me a copy of the Licence to Hunt for SPTA for the 2015/2016 season.*

*Could you also please clarify what steps you are taking to establish what the "drag" used by hunts operating on the Plain, consists of.*

*Can you also let me know whether there are any restrictions exist on which hunt vehicles may be driven off the made up tracks and whether it is permissible for any of these to carry terriers for the purposes of digging out."*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that some of the information in scope of your request is held.

A copy of the Licence to Hunt for SPTA can be found attached at Annex A.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that the MOD does not request to be informed of what drag used consists of, also no digging out is permitted. Section 22 of the license, confirms that no driving off the tracks is allowed.

Yours sincerely,

DIO Secretariat

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, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Wateley, OVR A 27 B, Wateley, CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk**. Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date when the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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