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Via e mail only

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Dear ****

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: *Empty Rates*

Thank you for your request for information on empty rates paid by the Department. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Please find attached a copy of the information requested.

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Yours sincerely

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