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ATI 319

Request

From: [Redacted under section 40 of the FOIA]

Sent: 6 November 2014 16:02

To: post master

Subject: Diazinon (Dalrymple)

Dear Sirs

We are seeking to find out which companies (manufacturers) has the DMF numbers for Diazinon --0474 and 0712 ? used in sheep dip products VM12597/4028 and VM 14016/4007 ?

Your help would be appreciated

Many thanks and regards

VMD Reply

Sent: 17 November 2014

To: [Redacted under section 40 of the FOIA]

Subject: Diazinon (Dalrymple)

Thank you for your email to our postmaster email address, dated 6 November 2014.

We are dealing with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your Request

You asked which companies (manufacturers) has the DMF numbers for Diazinon -- 0474 and 0712 used in sheep dip products VM12597/4028 and VM 14016/4007.

Our Reply

We fully recognise and respect the obligations imposed by the FOIA on the VMD to act in a manner that is transparent and open in the public interest. However, we judge that Section 43 of the FOIA applies in this case. Section 43 exempts information whose disclosure would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person. Section 43 is not an absolute exemption and is subject to the public interest test. We have very carefully considered the arguments for and against disclosure of these names and have come to the view that the public interest favours maintaining the exemption. We take the view that by naming the companies we would be likely to weaken their position in a competitive environment by revealing market-sensitive information or information of potential usefulness to their competitors.

Furthermore, Section 41 also applies as commercial entities are required by law to provide the information in question. The market as a whole benefits from establishing and upholding a robust process for marketing authorisations; this in turn requires appropriate protection of confidentiality, and the honouring of expectations of confidentiality.

We consider such factors weigh against the public interest in disclosing the information in question. Publishing such information could undermine the veterinary pharmaceuticals industry's trust in the regulatory process as well as the companies' commercial position. This could lead to companies becoming unwilling to place product on the UK market, which would have a detrimental impact on animal welfare.

Our Service

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