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Title: Request for registered trade mark information within the FMGC market

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Information request:

Please could you provide me with a list of all registered trademarks within the FMCG market? I believe the class headings 3, 5, 21, 29, 30, 31, 34, 35, 43 broadly represent this market.

I would prefer this in either a spreadsheet or fixed column flat file format consisting of the following variables

- Trade Mark No.
- Mark Text
- File Date
- Status
- Nice Classes
- Image (where possible)

Information released:

Please find attached an excel spreadsheet of currently registered trade marks in the classes requested. I regret that we cannot provide images for any of the listed marks because to do that would require a bespoke programme to be written, the cost of which would exceed the £600 cost limit.

I should explain that section 12 of the FOI Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.5 working days in determining whether the department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

We estimate that it would take us in excess of 3.5 working days to produce a corresponding list of trade mark images.

Please note that the filing dates from 1900 to date are not displaying properly on the spreadsheet, but if you click in a missing date cell the date should appear in the FX data bar above the worksheet. One last point, we are a bit worried about the reliability of the filing dates and are doing some checking. I thought I'd better send you what we have anyway and get back in touch with you once we've looked into these problems.

[Data sheet available upon request. Email foi@ipo.gov.uk .]