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Subject: Request for a list of all private limited companies in the UK whose owners/directors are Polish citizens

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Summary of request: The enquirer requested a list of all companies in the UK private limited companies whose owners/directors are Polish citizens.

Information released

Companies House has recognised that customers will require information from the public register and that like your request, the information required is not routinely held therefore we would offer bespoke service as part of our product and services. This bespoke service would incur a fee dependent on the amount of work that has to be undertaken to write a program to extract the information that is required.

A public authority can refuse to provide any information that is reasonably accessible to the applicant, albeit on payment of a fee, as it is exempt information under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. However to be of assistance on this occasion, I have provided information in response to your request.

If I may explain that our IT department undertook a search of the database relating to officer's nationality using the prefix POL and produced the attached spreadsheet. The director's nationality recorded are those that start with POL, therefore not all of those listed will be of Polish descent. Please also note that the spreadsheet contains a list of all company types which includes not only private limited companies as requested but PLC companies, Community Interest Companies etc.

Unfortunately, I have been informed that this is not a definite list as there may be instances where an appointment form is received from a Polish director but 'nationality' field was not completed correctly. Errors of this nature would not have been picked up in the search.