

## **Information Released under Freedom of Information Act**

**Subject:** Request for the number of European Companies (Societas Europea) and European Economic Interest Groupings on the register.

**Date Released:** 22 October 2018

**Summary of request:** The applicant requested the number of European Companies (Societas Europea) and European Economic Interest Groupings on the register.

### **Information Released**

CH publishes a register of company information and makes it available to the public. This can be accessed by either purchasing the DVD Rom or accessing the CH free company data product. Details of both products can be found in 'Our Services' on our website at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/companies-house>

The CH free company data product provides a snapshot from the public register in CSV format and can be accessed via the following link:

[http://download.companieshouse.gov.uk/en\\_output.html](http://download.companieshouse.gov.uk/en_output.html)

From the free company data, a separate find and select search can be undertaken to identify those company numbers with the prefix "SE" (European Companies) and "GE" (European Interest Groupings)

I must therefore refuse your request for this information as under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as any information that is reasonably accessible to the applicant, albeit on payment of a fee, is exempt information under the Act.