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Dear ██████████,

Thank you for your email of 20 December 2018, which replied to my letter (FOI2018/14557) dated 18 December 2018, requesting the following information:

“Thanks for the reply, i understand that you will have a lot of work to do so i will just request the images of PECOC trials and licences.”

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your refined request is held.

The photograph information you have requested can be found attached, but some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemption provided for at Sections 40 (Personal Data) of the FOIA and has been redacted.

Section 40(2) has been applied to some of the information in order to protect personal information as governed by the General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

The MOD does not hold any licences for the camouflage patterns as these are held by the manufacturers. Under Section 16 of the FOIA (advice and assistance), you may wish to consider approaching the manufacturers directly; Crye & Associates own the rights to the Multicam Combat Camouflage pattern. We are also aware of the following manufacturers involved in the PECOC trial programme: Seyntex NV (Belgium) and CQC Ltd were the prime contractors and they produced the samples; M Wright & Sons Ltd in Loughborough supplied the webbing, although the main material may have been sourced from Cortman Textiles Limited in Preston. We have no additional information on this aspect of your FOI request.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely



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