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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 15 May 2019 requesting the following information:

"Can you provide details of the companies contracted by the MoD to provide catering services to British Armed Forces personnel domestically and to those deployed on overseas operations? And can you provide a full list of the approved foods/brands which are distributed to armed forces personnel domestically and those deployed on overseas operations by these companies?"

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 (MOD) and I can confirm that some information, in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found below;

Catering Services are provided by Aramark Defence Services, Compass (operating as ESS) and Sodexo in the UK. Sodexo also provides catering services in Europe. Overseas Supply Services Limited (a company operated by Kellogg Brown Root) provides catering services in Afghanistan, Iraq, Oman, Bahrain and the UAE.

For personnel on active deployment food is provided through two companies contracted to the Deployable Food Programme, Vestey Foods in the UK and for those deployed overseas, Ecolog International. Vestey Foods in the UK and Ecolog International overseas.

MOD does not hold information in relation to approved foods/brands as this a matter for the contractors.

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,

DIO Secretariat