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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 17 June 2019 requesting the following information:

- "a. What are the specific names of your Indian and Brazilian beef suppliers in Oman?  
b. Which companies are supplying beef products to armed forces personnel serving in other overseas jurisdictions i.e) those serving on peacekeeping missions?"*

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 of the information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found below:

A. What are the specific names of your Indian and Brazilian beef suppliers in Oman?

No information is held.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to know no beef used in Oman is sourced from India or Brazil directly. The Indian and Brazilian traders, who supply beef to Oman, source their beef from: Pancyprian Cow Breeder's Organisation P.O.A, New Zealand through their European agent in Cyprus: ANZCO Foods.

B. Which companies are supplying beef products to armed forces personnel serving in other overseas jurisdictions i.e) those serving on peacekeeping missions?"

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.

The above is the only information held on beef suppliers, as information on suppliers for the UK (and Europe) is 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,

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