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Dear [REDACTED],

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 25 February 2020 in which you requested the following information:

'I saw on Forces.net (link to the article below) that:

"The Royal Navy is also trialling a new range of vegan menus on a ship in 2019, with the intention of rolling them out across the fleet."

Can you please give me information regarding:

- What is the status of that trial?
- Is a full rollout of vegan menus now being implemented across the fleet?
- If so, in what time frame is that full roll-out expected to be completed?
- Furthermore, are vegan menus being offered at all Royal Navy land bases/ports/training centres, as well as on ships?

[https://www.forces.net/news/can-you-be-vegan-military'](https://www.forces.net/news/can-you-be-vegan-military)

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

A search for the information has been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. The answers to each of your questions can be found at Annex A to this letter.

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

Navy Command Secretariat – FOI Section

Q1. What is the status of that trial?

The trial is now complete.

Q2. Is a full rollout of vegan menus now being implemented across the fleet?

The 6-week menu was made available to all units in May 2019.

Q3. If so, in what time frame is that full roll-out expected to be completed?

As above, the 6-week menu was made available to all units in May 2019.

Q4. Furthermore, are vegan menus being offered at all Royal Navy land bases/ports/training centres, as well as on ships?

I can confirm that vegan meals are available on request along with other dietary requirements.

