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Freedom of Information: Project Defend

Thank you for your email in which you requested the following information:

- 1. An official description of 'Project Defend', which was launched by former PM Boris Johnson in 2020, for reducing dependence on individual countries for critical supplies.
- 2. The current status of 'Project Defend', whether it has been ended or still running.
- 3. The list of 65 critical supply chains assessed within this project 'Project Defend'.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'), you have the right to:

- know whether we hold the information you require:
- be provided with that information (subject to any exemptions under the Act which may apply).

I can confirm that the Trade Remedies Authority does not hold any information in respect of 'Project Defend'.

Appeals procedure

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original request and should be addressed to Knowledge and Information Management:

Knowledge and Information Management Trade Remedies Authority 4th Floor, Northgate House 21-23 Valpy Street Reading London

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Email: InformationRights@traderemedies.gov.uk

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

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