

FOI 23/324

Dear

Thank you for your email.

“Are there any Indian Made Cough Syrups in UK market? If yes, who is marketing them?”

There are no new safety concerns in the UK from any currently authorised cough medicine, irrespective of the country of manufacture.

Regarding whether "there any Indian Made Cough Syrups in UK market? If yes, who is marketing them?", this information is exempt from release under Section 41 (S41) and Section 43 (S43) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

S41 is an absolute exemption and no consideration of the public interest is required, except to state that we would consider the release of this information to be an actionable breach of confidence. S43 is a conditional exemption and requires a consideration of the public interest. We have considered the public interest and cannot see any public interest argument that outweighs the commercial harm in divulging the country of manufacture for any medicinal product. This information can be used by competitors to gain a commercial advantage in the manufacture/development of their own medicinal product. Furthermore, as there are no new safety concerns in the UK concerning any licensed cough medicine, the country of manufacture could be used unfairly to boycott or create a false impression that a particular medicinal product is unsafe.

If you disagree with how we have interpreted the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in answering your request, you can ask for an internal review. Please reply to this email, within two months of this reply, specifying that you would like an Internal Review to be carried out.

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

If you were to remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you would have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please bear in mind that the Information Commissioner will not normally review our handling of your request unless you have first contacted us to conduct an internal review. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Yours sincerely

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