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MHRA reference: FOI2024/00053

Dear [redacted],

Thank you for your information request, which we received on 22 April. You asked for:

> *I would like to make an FOI request regarding the annual quantity of Androfeme (1% testosterone cream) being imported into the UK from Australia under the "specials" import licence, for the last 5 years.*

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

We confirm that we hold the information you have asked for, and we are disclosing this information in full.

The MHRA is notified of the intent of a UK licensed importer to import unlicensed medicines. The MHRA is not informed of the actual physical import taking place. Importers may chose to import part of what they have notified to the MHRA or they may not import any packs at all.

The results below have been compiled manually using the search terms Androfeme and Australia as country of import.

Year of notification	Total number of packs notified
2019	9,900
2020	12,126
2021	40,200
2022	83,099
2023	42,525

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Please note that these requests can be logged as a direct query to Imports@mhra.gov.uk instead of FOIs.

We hope this information is useful for you.

This concludes our response to your request.

If you have a query about this response, please contact us at

Please remember to quote the reference number at the top of this letter in any future communications. Details of your appeal rights are below.

Yours sincerely,

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Appeal rights

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you can ask us to conduct an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date you receive this response and addressed to: foi.request@mhra.gov.uk

If you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you 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 a request unless the requester has first asked us to conduct an internal review.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted through their online webform at: https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/

Or in writing to: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Re-use of our information

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