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**REFERENCE NUMBER: IM92136I**  
**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2015 ("the Act")**

Thank you for your request dated 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

Your request

You asked as follows:-

*Please can Customs and Excise division provide data on intercepted packages that contain medication used to induce abortions. I would like the following information please.*

- (i) *How many packages have been intercepted each year from 2011 to 2017? (If a yearly break down is not available can you please provide what figures you can).*
- (ii) *Do any of the packages ever contain medication to induce more than one abortion? If so please can you provide figures.*
- (iii) *Do you collect data about the source of the medication, either the country or the charity/organisation supplying the medication.*

Response to your request

I am pleased to provide all of the information you have requested.

(i) **Intercepted packages by year**

2011	0
2012	0
2013	0
2014	0
2015	4
2016	10
2017	1

- (ii) All packages seized by Customs & Excise have only contained sufficient dosage for a single treatment.
- (iii) The country of source is recorded against the seizures made and during the above years all the medicines in respect of abortion medicines have come from India. No record is maintained of the supplier of the medicines as in many cases this information is not declared on or in the package.

### **Your right to request a review**

If you are unhappy with this response to your Freedom of Information request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response, by completing a complaint form and submitting it electronically or by delivery/post to the above address. An electronic version and paper version of our complaint form can be found by going to our website: <https://www.gov.im/about-the-government/freedom-of-information/>. Your review request should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response, and should be made as soon as practicable. We will respond as soon as the review has been concluded.

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner for a decision on;

- 1 Whether we have responded to your request for information in accordance with Part 2 of the Freedom of Information Act; or

Whether we are justified in refusing to give you the information requested.

In response to an application for review, the Information Commissioner may, at any time, attempt to resolve a matter by negotiation, conciliation, mediation or another form of alternative dispute resolution and will have regard to any outcome of this in making any subsequent decision.

More detailed information on your rights to review is on the Information Commissioner's website at: <https://www.inforights.im/>.

Should you have any queries concerning this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Further information about Freedom of Information requests can be found at the following website: <https://www.gov.im/about-the-government/freedom-of-information/>.

Yours sincerely,



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