

28 March 2023

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Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

I refer to your request received on 10 February 2023, which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), for the following information:

I am wishing to access all documentation related to applications for export of traction engines and portable steam engines, both current and past. This includes the applications and the decision making behind the approval or declination. As these are an item of trade both past and present, please supply a copy of the current guidelines used in the decision-making process.

Manatū Taonga has also provided information held on the specific traction engines and portable steam engines as requested on 15 February 2023. Information on the specific models requested are listed in the enclosed document.

Information being released

As was communicated to you on 22 February 2023, Manatū Taonga has provided information on applications from 2013 onwards in the enclosed document. Manatū Taonga does not hold electronic records on Traction Engines from before 2013, or records from before 2000 as these were previously managed by the Department of Internal Affairs.

We have supplied this information to you in the form of a summary table. This is due to the volume of information involved with your request for all documentation relating to each application. The table we have provided includes the decision made on the application, and the rationale behind the decision based on the guidance under the Protected Objects Act 1975 (The Act).

In addition, we have enclosed the following:

Document being released	Attachment
Summary table of applications	Appendix 1
Guidelines for applying the Act	Appendix 2
Current Examiners Form	Appendix 3
Previous (2018) Examiner's Form	Appendix 4

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact oia@mch.govt.nz

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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