

07 June 2022

s 9(2)(a)

By email: s 9(2)(a)  
Ref: H202206062

Dear s 9(2)(a)

### Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 9 May 2022 for:

*“a list of the medicines we import showing their source of supply and import value with this sought under the Official Information Act.”*

Medsafe does not hold a list of medicines imported into New Zealand (except for controlled drugs that are licensed) and does not hold the corresponding source of supply or import value. Medsafe issues licences to import controlled drugs, pursuant to regulation 3(4) of the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 1977. The site of manufacture of all approved medicines is publicly available at: [www.medsafe.govt.nz/regulatory/DbSearch.asp](http://www.medsafe.govt.nz/regulatory/DbSearch.asp).

The table in Appendix 1 summarises the name of the controlled drug imported under a licence during 2021, and the exporting country/countries. This is released to you in full.

I have interpreted your request for the most recently available data, which is for 2021. Please note, this data includes all controlled drugs imported (with the exception of controlled drugs reference standards and analytical testing kits) and is not specific to medicines for therapeutic use (the list includes, for example, veterinary products and raw materials to be manufactured into finished products).

Pharmac and the New Zealand Customs Service may also hold some information about medicines imported. They can be contacted at: <https://pharmac.govt.nz/about/contact/> and [www.customs.govt.nz/contact-us/](http://www.customs.govt.nz/contact-us/).

I trust this information fulfils your request. Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: [www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris James', with a stylized, flowing script.

Chris James  
**Group Manager**  
**Medsafe**

Table One: Controlled Drug (Base) Imported During 2021 and Exporting Country.

Controlled Drug (Base) Imported During 2021	Exporting Country
alfentanil	Germany
alprazolam	Singapore
	United States of America
bromazepam	France
buprenorphine	Australia
	Austria
	Germany
	United Kingdom
cannabis	Australia
	Canada
	Lesotho
	United Kingdom
clobazam	Australia
	India
clonazepam	Australia
	Switzerland
cocaine	United Kingdom
codeine	Norway
dexamphetamine	United States of America
diazepam	Australia
	Indonesia
dihydrocodeine	Australia
	United Kingdom
ephedrine	Australia
	India

	United Kingdom
	United States of America
esketamine	United States of America
etorphine	South Africa
fentanyl	Australia
	Germany
	United States of America
ketamine	Australia
	Germany
lorazepam	Australia
	Cyprus
	France
	Singapore
methadone	Australia
	Ireland
	Slovakia
methylphenidate	Bulgaria
	India
	Spain
	Switzerland
	United Kingdom
	United States of America
midazolam	Australia
	France
	India
	United Kingdom
	United States of America

morphine	Australia
	France
	United Kingdom
oxycodone	Australia
	Cyprus
	Denmark
	Germany
	Israel
	Slovakia
	Slovenia
	United Kingdom
pentobarbital	Australia
	Germany
pethidine	Australia
	Slovakia
phenobarbital	Hungary
	Singapore
	United Kingdom
phentermine	Australia
pseudoephedrine	India
remifentanil	Spain
secobarbital	Denmark
sodium oxybate	United Kingdom
temazepam	Australia
thiafentanil	South Africa
triazolam	Australia