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Tēnā koe [redacted]

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation, received on 17 July 2026, in which you asked for:

> *"Under the Official Information Act could you please advise the origins of the serial used in making up the serial baits used in the departments aerial 1080 poisoning operations, Please advise what countries it comes from and the origin of the grain IE: where it was grown.*
> *What serials/grain's are included in the terminology "serial"?.*
> *Has the department or is the department aware of any toxicology tests on these serials for mycotoxins. toxic heavy metals, pesticide/chemical residues, biological pathogens, and physical debris, if so pleased provide those results. .*
> *Are the serials used from genetically modified crops or seeds?"*

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982. I regret that I am not able to provide you with the information you seek

DOC purchases 1080 baits as a finished commercial product from approved manufacturers. DOC does not purchase or source the individual raw ingredients used in the manufacture of those baits, nor does it specify, manage, or routinely receive information on the origin of constituent cereal ingredients. Information relating to ingredient sourcing, supply chains, raw material specifications, quality assurance testing, and manufacturing inputs is held, if at all, by the bait manufacturers rather than DOC.

Accordingly, this part of your request is refused under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982, as the information requested is not held by DOC.

DOC contracts for the supply of 1080 bait products that meet the regulatory requirements established under New Zealand's hazardous substances and pesticides legislation. The manufacture, quality control, and product specifications for these baits are managed by the manufacturers and relevant regulatory authorities. DOC's role is limited to procuring and using approved bait products for pest control operations.

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review of my decision by writing to an Ombudsman as provided by section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and may be published on the Department's website.

Nāku noa, nā



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