



Environmental Information Regulations

Hunting regulations applicable in England under
Article 7(4) of the Wild Birds Directive

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Request (received via Defra Information Rights Team)

What information has the UK in relation to England sent the European Commission (if any) on the practical application of any hunting regulations applicable in England under Article 7(4) of the Wild Birds Directive?

Your response confirmed that the information requested is not held by Defra and is therefore exempt under Regulation 12(4)(a) EIRs 2004. You also explained that while the above exemption is a qualified exception, Defra has concluded that it is not in the public interest for Defra to hold or seek this information because, although it may be environmental information, it is not necessary or relevant for the fulfilment of its functions. I assume this information may be held by the JNCC, and I am copying their EIR/FOIA contacts into this letter for that purpose. If not, I would be grateful if Defra could confirm whether the information is held by another body and refer this request to them accordingly under Regulation 10(1)(a) EIRs 2004.

Reply

Thank you for your request for information received by JNCC on Wednesday 9 January 2019, which we have dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

You requested information provided by the UK to the European Commission, in respect to England, on the practical application of any hunting regulations applicable in England under Article 7(4) of the Wild Birds Directive?

We would respond under Regulation 12 (4) (a): *Does not hold that information when an applicant's request is received.*

Information on hunting regulations relating to game birds is not held by the JNCC.

The [National Gamebag Census](#) is run by the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust (GWCT), which collates gamebag records on various quarry species from estates across the UK. Beyond this, we are not aware of, nor possess a contact for, any authority or organisation that may hold other relevant data on hunting or the applicable regulations.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email. If you require any further detail please do not hesitate to contact us.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint please contact Kirsty Meadows (kirsty.meadows@jncc.gov.uk).

If you are still not satisfied following this, you can make an appeal to the Information Commissioner who is the statutory regulator. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Yours sincerely,

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