



Animal Law Reform South Africa

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Dear Sir/Madam

ACCESS TO RECORDS REQUEST REFUSAL

1. After careful consideration and review of your request, we regret to inform you that we are unable to grant access to the requested information at this time. Our decision is based on the following grounds:

- 1.1. Request Must Be to Protect a Right

While animal welfare is an important issue, the rights protected under PAIA apply to natural and juristic persons. Currently, South African law does not recognize animals as legal persons with individual rights within the scope of PAIA and the bill of rights. It is for this reason that the request has been refused.

2. In the event that you wish to appeal this decision, you have the right to lodge a complaint with the Information Regulator or file an application with the court. You may lodge a complaint with the Information Regulator within 180 days from the date of this refusal letter.
3. On the foundation of strong business ethics and compliance, we do business sustainably and in a way that creates shared value. We invite you to visit our website, where you can find public statements and other documents related to our company's activities and initiatives.

Yours sincerely,




For and on behalf of
Nestlé (South Africa)
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