

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Animal Law Reform South Africa Outreach](mailto:Animal Law Reform South Africa Outreach)  
**Subject:** RE: ALRSA - Access to information in terms of PAIA  
**Date:** Wednesday, 21 December 2022 11:05:56  
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We acknowledge receipt of your mail and hereby wish to comment as follows :

1. Big Dutchman South Africa are a subsidiary of Big Dutchman AG in Germany and offer imported production equipment to the broiler and egg industry in Sub-Sahara Africa.
2. Big Dutchman SA are simply distributors of the equipment and do not manufacture the equipment on offer.
3. BDSA supply a range of pullet rearing cages, as per attached literature and technical data, and inform the SA customers as to the requirements in terms of the SAPA Code of Conduct.
4. BDSA also supply a range of laying cages, as per attached literature and technical data, and inform the SA customers as to the requirements in terms of the SAPA Code of Conduct.
5. The cage system design allow for the customer to meet SAPA regulations in terms of the floor and feed space per bird.

We confirm that the majority (approx. 90-95%) of our customers produce pullets and eggs in our cages, with free range and barn eggs making up the balance, i.e. birds on the floor with feeding, drinking and nest boxes.

Hope this clarifies in terms of your request.

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**From:** Animal Law Reform South Africa Outreach [mailto:outreach@animallawreform.org]

**Sent:** Friday, 09 December 2022 17:46

**To:** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** (Archive Copy) RE: ALRSA - Access to information in terms of PAIA

[REDACTED]

Thank you for your email. We note your view that your involvement in our project 'is unnecessary'. We disagree. We have thus exercised our constitutionally protected right to access to information of a private body and delivered the necessary form in terms of the Promotion of Access to Information Act 2 of 2000 (PAIA) to Big Dutchman on **21 November 2022**. Under the circumstances, Big Dutchman has a legal obligation to provide access to the information, given that the information is required for the protection of the environmental right, as set out in our previous correspondence.

To clarify our position, Big Dutchman is a supplier of cages and other equipment to egg producers in the egg supply chain. Big Dutchman is thus a key role player in the South African egg supply chain. Given that our project relates, among other matters, to advancing cage free commitments and chicken welfare more generally, the records requested from one of the primary cage and equipment suppliers in the country are indeed necessary for our project. They will, among other things, enable the pursuit of corporate accountability and transparency in the egg supply chain in South Africa.

We accordingly look forward to receiving the records requested by no later than **23 December 2022** as required by PAIA.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this email.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 06 December 2022 14:04  
**To:** Animal Law Reform South Africa Outreach <[outreach@animallawreform.org](mailto:outreach@animallawreform.org)>  
**Cc:** [Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: ALRSA - Access to information in terms of PAIA

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Please note that Big Dutchman is purely a supplier of equipment to the poultry and pig industries, and are not involved with physical livestock whatsoever and do not instruct our customers as to the manner in which their livestock is to be kept. We therefore believe that our involvement in this is

unnecessary.

We trust that this clarifies our position, but should any further information be required, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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**From:** Animal Law Reform South Africa Outreach [<mailto:outreach@animallawreform.org>]

**Sent:** Monday, 05 December 2022 14:30

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: ALRSA - Access to information in terms of PAIA

[REDACTED]

I trust you are well.

This email concerns the request for access to information in terms of the Promotion of Access to Information Act 2 of 2000 ("PAIA") delivered to Big Dutchman on behalf of Animal Law Reform South Africa on **21 November 2022**. We are reaching out to ask that you acknowledge receipt of our PAIA request. We further look forward to your response to our PAIA request within the prescribed 30-day period (i.e., by no later than **23 December 2022**). As previously indicated, Big Dutchman has a legal obligation to respond to our PAIA request within the prescribed period, and failure to do so is a contravention PAIA.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this email.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Animal Law Reform South Africa Outreach

**Sent:** Monday, 21 November 2022 17:29

**To:** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:** ALRSA - Access to information in terms of PAIA

[REDACTED]

I trust you are well.

By way of introduction, my name is [REDACTED]. I write on behalf of Animal Law Reform South Africa.

Kindly find attached a request for access to information in terms of the Promotion of Access to Information Act 2 of 2000, as well as a covering letter with more information in respect thereof.

We look forward to receiving your response within 30 days of the date hereof (i.e., by no later than **23 December 2022**).

Kindly acknowledge receipt hereof.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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