



10 February 2023

Animal Law Reform South Africa

YOUR REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO INFORMATION IN TERMS OF THE PROMOTION OF ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT, 2000 (PAIA), DATED 21 NOVEMBER 2022 AND 31 JANUARY 2023

Dear Cheslyn,

We are writing in response to your email dated 31 January 2023 and the accompanying Promotion of Access to Information Act 2000 (PAIA) request forms dated 21 November 2022 and 31 January 2023.

1. Please find below information responsive to some of your requests in paragraph 6 of the PAIA request form dated 21 November 2022. We are producing this information in the spirit of cooperation; we do not admit that we are under any obligation to provide you with this information.
 - 6.1 Hilton's latest ESG Report (2021) is publicly available at the following link: <https://esg.hilton.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2022/06/2021-ESG-Report.pdf>
 - 6.4 Hilton's Responsible Sourcing Policy is publicly available at the following link: <https://esg.hilton.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Hilton-Responsible-Sourcing-Policy.pdf>. Hilton's Animal Welfare Statement is publicly available at the following link: <https://esg.hilton.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Hilton-Animal-Welfare-Statement.pdf>.
 - 6.10.2 Hilton's current cage-free egg commitment is publicly available at the following link: <https://stories.hilton.com/releases/commitment-to-sourcing-cagefree-eggs>. You can find our latest progress on this commitment here: <https://esg.hilton.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2022/08/2021-Sourcing-Progress.pdf>. We are not yet sourcing cage-free eggs from suppliers in South Africa but we continue to seek opportunities to do so.
2. We have undertaken a reasonable search, as required by Section 55 of PAIA, to locate any records responsive to your requests in paragraph 6 of the PAIA request form dated 21 November 2022, including reviewing our contractual arrangements, searching our databases, and speaking with the Team Members who manage this type of information. Based on this search, we can confirm that we do not have any records responsive to the requests listed below. If you would like additional information about the requests listed below, you may consider contacting our supplier(s) directly. Please let us know if you wish to do so and, upon obtaining approval from our supplier(s), we will provide you with the name and contact details of the relevant supplier(s) on a need-to-know basis.
 - 6.2.1 Hilton does not have records or information to provide on compliance to this legislation. Hilton's supplier(s) may have information on these requests.
 - 6.5 Hilton does not have records or information related to this information. Hilton's supplier(s) may have information on these requests.
3. We do not possess information or records responsive to certain requests you made in paragraph 6 of the PAIA request form dated 21 November 2022, as set forth below.
 - 6.2.2, 6.6, 6.8, 6.9, 6.10.3, 6.11 Hilton does not have any records or details to provide regarding this request.
 - 6.3 Hilton is not aware of any proceedings we were part of related to these matters, therefore Hilton does not have any records or details to provide regarding this request.
 - 6.7 Hilton is not a member of any of the listed organizations, therefore Hilton does not have records or details to provide regarding this request.

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6.10.1 Hilton does not have records or details to provide regarding this request as we are not part of this commitment.

4. In response to your second PAIA request dated 31 January 2023, we do not possess any records responsive to your request for “records relating to any and all assessments, audits, and inspections of suppliers of eggs, and products containing eggs or egg by-products, conducted during the period of 1 November 2018 to 30 November 2022 by Hilton or any third parties to give effect to the Responsible Sourcing Policy.”

Finally, we reserve the right to respond more fully at a later stage and in the appropriate forum should this become necessary. All of our rights are reserved.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

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