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OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request of 16 June 2015 relating to the management of swamp kauri milling and export.

Following the release of my decision last week, I am now providing you with the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

- a table detailing the export of swamp kauri since 2009;
- a table detailing the milling statements issued for swamp kauri timber; and
- a table detailing the registered sawmillers for 2014/15, and the year in which they were first registered.

The table of registered sawmillers is for the 2014/15 year (1 July – 30 June).

You have also asked for information since 2009 relating to situations where swamp kauri has been exported as a finished or manufactured product without MPI inspection, and that MPI has subsequently become aware of and formed a view that the material may not have met the finished or manufactured product requirements of the Forests Act.

MPI has no information on finished or manufactured swamp kauri products exported without an MPI voluntary export approval that would fail, in MPI's view, to meet the definition of finished or manufactured products under the Forests Act 1949.

Exporters of finished or manufactured swamp kauri products do not have to notify MPI of an intention to export. MPI does however encourage exporters to voluntarily use the notification and inspection process to confirm that exports of finished or manufactured products comply with the Forests Act. Most exporters of swamp kauri have voluntarily submitted their finished and manufactured products to the Forests Act export inspection and approval process to be certain of compliance.

In addition to the material provided herein, we suggest you refer to the information available on the MPI website related to swamp kauri, which can be found at <http://mpi.govt.nz/exporting/forest-products/wood-and-wood-products/swamp-kauri> as this includes material you may be interested in.

Yours sincerely



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