

Official Information Act Request

Requester's details

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Tēnā koe Claire

I refer to your request received on 23 June 2023 asking for information concerning ERMA200825:

- “1. Is ERMA200825 is still current?
2. If so, who is responsible for the site controls and reports?
3. Why was an annual report to the EPA not required?
4. Have any new Eucalyptus traits been approved since 2012?

I note that ArborGen sold their holding in NZ to Hugh Fletcher consortium in 2021. If ERMA200825 is still current please can you provide -

5. The date the 67A approval was given for the ERMA200825 facility management change?”

The information you have requested follows.

1. The approval for ERMA200825 is still current.
2. The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) undertakes all compliance monitoring for new organisms. If you require further information, a request can be sent to MPI: info@mpi.govt.nz
3. Some approvals do require annual reports to be submitted. However, for ERMA200825, there was no requirement for an annual report. The controls for this approval can be found in the application document here: [Application: ERMA200825 \(epa.govt.nz\)](#)
4. We do not have any information on new traits for ERMA200825, because no amendments have been made to the approval.

5. We do not have any information on ERMA200825 facility management. There have been no amendments to this approval under section 67A of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996. The application documents for ERMA200825 can be viewed on our website here: [HSNO application register ERMA200825 | EPA](#)

I hope this information is helpful. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. You can contact the Ombudsman on 0800 802 602, or by email at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via ministerials@epa.govt.nz

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Nāku noa nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Hill".

Dr Christopher Hill
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