

**Information Released under Freedom of Information Act**

**Subject:** Request for correspondence from a complainant

**Date Released:** 24 September 2008

**Summary of request:** The enquirer asked for correspondence held by Companies House from a complainant.

**Information released:**

With reference to your Freedom of Information Act request for copies of all correspondence held by Companies House from a third party.

I should explain that Companies House receives a large number of letters each year enquiring whether companies are in breach of the Companies Act and as such we are obliged to investigate every case. It is our policy to treat all such correspondence with the strictest confidentiality. I regret therefore that I must refuse to disclose the information you require as it is exempt under section 41 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This states that information is exempt from disclosure if it was provided in confidence and the disclosure of which may constitute an actionable breach of confidence. Details of this legislation, the exemptions and the Code of Practice can be found on the following website [www.foi.gov.uk/](http://www.foi.gov.uk/)