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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

I refer to your letter dated 2nd May 2009. You requested blank copies of an MOT exemption form and a certificate of compliance. We have dealt with this request under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In relation to taxis, local authorities are responsible for specifying the stringency and frequency of vehicle testing. If an authority decides to impose their own testing regime for taxis, they can opt out of the requirement for MOT testing. Any such action must be approved by VOSA. VOSA would issue a certificate of exemption to the local authority and it would then be up to the authority to issue certificates of compliance to each of the vehicles being used as a taxi. VOSA will provide a template certificate of compliance to the authority, on which they can base their customised certificates to issue to the taxi owners.

Please find enclosed two sample documents, which show the generic layout of the certificates of exemption and compliance.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number **F0001898** in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the response provided, you may ask for an internal review. To request an internal review, please write to:

VOSA Corporate Office,
Berkeley House,
Croydon Street,
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BS5 0DA

or email vosa.corporateoffice@vosa.gsi.gov.uk

giving the reasons for your dissatisfaction. It will help us if you quote the reference number for your case.

If you do not agree with the outcome of the internal review, you may lodge an appeal with the Information Commissioner (www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk). The Information Commissioner is an independent official appointed by the Crown to oversee the Data Protection Act 1998, the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

The Information Commissioner can consider complaints about any aspect of the way in which requests for information have been handled. Please note: the Information Commissioner would be unlikely to consider your complaint if you have not first requested an internal review.

You can write to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely

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