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Information Commissioner Issues Decision 17/2022

Hamilton, Bermuda. On 16 June 2022, the Information Commissioner issued [Decision 17/2022, Customs Department](#). The Applicant had submitted a public access to information (PATI) request to the Department seeking records for customs duty figures related to vector control products. The Information Commissioner found that the Department did not issue an internal review decision to the Applicant within the 6-week timeline set out in the PATI Act. However, during the Information Commissioner's independent review, the Department issued an internal review decision for the PATI request. As a result, the Information Commissioner does not require the Department to take any further action with respect to [Decision 17/2022](#). This Decision clarifies the scope of an internal review and a PATI requester's rights of review in cases where, by the time an internal review request is made, an initial decision has not been issued.

[Decision 17/2022](#) is available on www.ico.bm.

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Editor's Notes:

The ICO is an independent public office responsible for promoting the use of and overseeing compliance with the Public Access to Information (PATI) Act 2010. The PATI Act gives the public a right to access records held by public authorities, subject to listed exemptions and administrative grounds for denial of access. Individuals who are dissatisfied with the response of a public authority may seek a review by the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner shall investigate and the decisions by the Information Commissioner are legally binding.

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