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Thank you for your email of 21 October 2024 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

1. A list of documents or emails and their subjects designated formal messages. I am seeking the above for the period between 01 January 2023 and 31 March 2023.

If any information is withheld under provisions of the Official Information Act, please provide the grounds for refusal and the sections of the Act that apply, as required under Section 19(a)(i).

Furthermore, I kindly ask that CSV be used for the summary format if possible.

On 25 October 2024, we contacted you to discuss your request. On the same day you agreed to refine the scope of your request to be for:

"The dates and topics of Formal Messages (FMs) generated by the USA team at MFAT for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 March 2023."

The dates and topics of the Formal Messages (FM) produced by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade's team (AMER) that covers the United States of America are set out in the table below.

Dates and Topics of FM produced by the AMER team at MFAT in the period 1 January 2023 to 21 March 2023	
Date	Topic of FM
10 February 2023	Access to the US market for shellfish
10 March 2023	Possible trade barrier related to exports to American Samoa
24 March 2023	Visit by US Indo-Pacific Coordinator
29 March 2023	Visit by the US Interior Secretary

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www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large loop on the left and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade