

Freedom of Information Act Request

Ref: FOI 19-20 19 Date issued: 28 August 2019

Subject: Investigations into garment and textile factories in the UK

Question(s) asked and answer(s):

- 1. The number of investigations into garment and textile factories in the UK
- 2. The name of the company, the address of the company and what action was taken as a result of the investigation.

I would like this information presented in a Microsoft Excel compatible format.

The timeframe for this request is:1 January 2014 - 1 August 2019, or the most recent date available.

GLAA response

The GLAA only acquired the necessary legislative powers to investigate labour market offences, including modern slavery from May 2017. Therefore, we have only considered your request for information from this point forward.

The <u>spreadsheet here</u> provides a summary breakdown of investigations in relation to your request. Please note, the GLAA will not release information that specifically relates to an ongoing compliance or criminal investigation matter. This also includes cases closed by the GLAA but referred to other agencies for investigation, as these cases may still be open. This may normally be under sections 30 (Investigations and proceedings conducted by public authorities), section 31(Law enforcement), of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

In addition, where our investigations have closed, and no labour market offences have been identified, then we have withheld specific location details that may reveal the business or business owner, as to do so may prejudice or would be likely to prejudice their commercial interests under section 43 (trade secrets and prejudice to commercial interests) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). We have therefore identified locations at a district or county level.