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{By Email}

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Dear [REDACTED]

### **PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION**

Thank you for your request for information on Import of animals which we received on 19 October 2020. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“For 2017, 2018 and 2019, could you please provide me with the following information on each rejected consignment of live animals imported into the UK:

- Year of import
- Country of origin
- Quantity and species of animals
- Reason for rejection
- Outcome of rejection
- If re-exported, the country of export
- If slaughtered/euthanised, the method and location of death
- The figures and details on any costs borne by the taxpayer as the result of a rejection of a consignment

I would like this data in spreadsheet format.”

Please see data attached (Appendix 1) regarding rejected consignments of live animals imported to the UK from non-EU countries.

Consignments from non-EU countries can enter the EU via a Border Inspection Post (BIP) in any EU country and then move on to their final destination. Please note that where consignments were euthanised at a BIP in another EU country, the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) do not hold any information regarding the method and location of euthanasia.

Where a consignment was rejected and re-dispatched, it will always be returned to the country of origin. Any costs associated with a rejected consignment would be the responsibility of the importer.

TRACES (Trade Control and Expert System) is a European Commission system employed by EU member states to facilitate and record animal/animal product movements into and throughout the EU. With the exception of the method and location of euthanasia, this data was extracted from TRACES. The information on the method and location of euthanasia was provided by the BIP that rejected the consignment.

Information disclosed in response to this FOI request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOI and the government's Transparency Agenda, this letter and the information disclosed to you may be placed on GOV.UK, together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. No information identifying you will be placed on the GOV.UK website.

An Annex is attached which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you and contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the Access to Information Team at the email address below. During the current Coronavirus outbreak, our offices will be closed.

Yours sincerely

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## Annex

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