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{By Email}

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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information on the import of reindeer which we received on 14 December 2020. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

"I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, for information held by the APHA which relates to reindeer imported into the UK from other countries as recorded on the TRACES system.

- For year beginning 2019 to the present date, how many reindeer were imported to the UK from other countries? Please present this information divided by year and also by month if possible.

Please provide details of:

- The countries these reindeer originated from.
- How many reindeer came from each country and the number of consignments."

Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) has access to UK statistical data from the EU Commission's Trade Control and Expert System (TRACES) system, for commercial imports and exports. The information extracted from here is a true reflection of the information that we have access to. APHA cannot guarantee the accuracy of this data, as we can only rely on the information that has been input into TRACES by a third party.

We are only able to provide this data for the EU and not for Third Countries as TRACES can not be split by species for Third Countries.

From the year of 2019 and to present date no reindeer were imported into the UK.

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.

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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

ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM

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Annex

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

Coronavirus

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