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Dear

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about the import of non-human primates which we received on 10 February 2021. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

"This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. Would you please let me have the following information contained in the CITES import certificates and airway bills pertaining to the import of non-human primates (NHPs) from abroad:

- (1) The number of NHPs imported into the UK in 2020;
- (2) The species of NHPs imported into the UK in 2020 and numbers of each;
- (3) The countries from which NHPs were imported and the country of origin;
- (4) The countries from which NHPs were imported and whether they were wild-caught
- (W), first generation offspring (F1), second generation offspring (F2) or Captive bred (C).
- (5) What was the purpose for which each of NHP species were imported during 2020."

The information you have requested is attached as Appendix 1.

Please note: the spreadsheet figures may not be 100% up to date in respect of returned permits (due to COVID situation). This is because the number of actual animals that were imported/exported sometimes differ from what was applied for. So the figures are as accurate as possible up to the 22nd February 2021, which is when these figures were compiled. Please also note the spreadsheet does not contain data from airway bills pertaining to the imports of NHP as APHA do not have access to this information.

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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

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