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{By Email}

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Dear [REDACTED]

## PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about welfare in transport which we received on 24 Aug 2018. Part of your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

The following questions belonging to your email of the 24 Aug 2018 were treated as FOI requests as they concerned recorded information.

'Please confirm how many checks APHA undertook during the exceptionally hot summer to ensure legislation relating to temperatures was being implemented and adhered to?

APHA conducted 32 Supervised Loadings during the period of 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018 – 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018 (date of request). APHA carry out supervised loadings on high risk commercial consignments to ensure compliance with Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005. These checks include, but are not limited to vehicle specifications to ensure the transport is designed, constructed and maintained in a way to avoid injury and suffering and to ensure that transporters and vehicles have the appropriate authorisations and certificates in place.

APHA also carry out proportional portal checks being imported or exported. 70 checks were undertaken at GB Ports in the period of 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018 – 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018 (date of request). When supervised loadings and portal checks are completed APHA will take Regulatory action if non compliances are identified.

APHA's remit with regard to inspections are those animals who are transported for export. Local Authorities, or other Executive Agencies are responsible for undertaking checks on animals being transported domestically.

How often are members of the public responsible for identifying non-compliance, as opposed to APHA staff themselves? Could you please confirm the statistics on this?

APHA does not hold statistics on the number of non-compliances identified by members of the public. The welfare in transport legislation is enforced by the local authorities in Great Britain. APHA would not know the origin of each complaint or enforcement action that is dealt with by local authorities, they would have to be individually approached to request this data. APHA undertakes a regulatory role and monitors the compliance of animal transporters as well as authorising their activities. This includes regulatory inspections and non-compliance referrals from other regulatory bodies. APHA may also receive complaints in relation to animal transporters from members of the public and these will be dealt with accordingly – this may include passing the complaints to local authorities for further investigation.

Please could you provide copy of this guidance?’

Please find attached a copy of the WT17 (Appendix 1) document issued to transporters. Due to the sustained spell of hot weather in June, the guidance was sent to transporters prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> July stated in the enclosed document.

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.

I attach an Annex 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 or postal address at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

**ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM**

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## Annex

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