



Our Ref: ATIC1443

[REDACTED]
{By Email}

14 September 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about falcons and raptors which we received on 31 Aug 2018. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI)

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“Re: Falcon Breeding and Rearing Facility, Hummel Burn (Lodge), also known as Highland Falcons, Dallas, Forres IV36 2RZ

How many falcons and/or other raptors were imported to and exported by the above facility in the years 2016, 2017, 2018?”

The number of falcons /other raptors imported and exported by the above facility are shown in the table below:

Year	Number of Exported Falcons/Other Raptors	Number of Imported Falcons/Other Raptors
2016	20	15
2017	49	61
2018	18	111

The 2016 imported data was collated using the TRACES reporting tool which holds information for a rolling 24 month period therefore no information prior to 7th September 2016 is available.

Where were they imported from?

In 2016 the Falcons/Other Raptors were imported from the United Arab Emirates.

In 2017 the Falcons/Other Raptors were imported from Austria and the United Arab Emirates.

In 2018 the Falcons/Other Raptors were imported from Austria, Spain and the United Arab Emirates.

Which countries where they exported to?

All Falcons/Other Raptors in 2016 to 2018 have been exported to the United Arab Emirates

How many falcons/raptors were imported into the UK in the years 2016, 2017, 2018?

What were the countries of origin?

How many falcons/raptors were exported in those years, and to which countries were the birds exported to?

Captive birds moving between EU Member States only require EU Commission's Trade Control and Expert System (TRACES) system documentation if they are moving between two Balai approved premises or are vaccinated against Avian Influenza.

Captive birds that are not moving between two Balai approved premises/ are not vaccinated against Avian Influenza can move with an owner's declaration. As the majority of captive birds travelling from the EU to the UK do not require a TRACES certificate or any form of licence issued by APHA, we are not able to provide complete data regarding captive bird movements from the EU to the UK, or from the UK to the EU

Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) has access to UK statistical data from TRACES 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.

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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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