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Dear

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information on hunting trophies which we received on day month year. Your request has been handled under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. (EIR).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

'I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act regarding the importing of hunting trophies.

The Government has stated that its policy is to not issue an import permit for a trophy unless the importer can show there has been no detrimental impact on endangered species and the trophy has been obtained from a sustainable hunting operation.

Please can you provide me with the documents which show there has been no detrimental impact on endangered species and the trophy has been obtained from a sustainable hunting operation for each of the trophies imported into the U.K. during the 2017 calendar year.

In 2017 APHA received 63 import applications for hunting trophies, though not all of these were approved.

Please find attached Appendix 1 and 2 showing details of documents regarding their "non-detrimental findings.

Some of the information has been redacted using Regulation 12(3) of the Environmental Information Regulations.

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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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