



Our Ref: ATIC2075

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{By Email}

17 July 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

### PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about the importation of dogs which we received on 25 June 2020. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to make the following request:

- Since January 2020, how many transporters carrying dogs have been refused entry into the UK and then the animals being detained? - What is their origin?”

Between 01/01/20 and 26/06/20, the numbers of transporters carrying dogs which were detained and the transporter’s country of origin is as follows:

Bulgaria	5
UK	21
Latvia	3
Gibraltar	1
Hungary	5
Ireland	2
Italy	1
Lithuania	3
Poland	29
Romania	13
Slovakia	2
Estonia	1

- “Since January 2019, how many dogs brought into the UK via the Dover port have been confirmed to carry the rabies virus?”

There have been no confirmed cases of rabies in the UK since January 2019.

- “What is the average length of time dogs spend in detention/quarantine?”

The length of time dogs spend in quarantine after being imported from the EU can be anywhere from 24 hours (in the case of issues with tapeworm treatment) to 21 days (in the case of issues with rabies vaccinations).

- “Who makes the ultimate decision of dog imports into the Dover port UK, quarantine, release and investigation?”

This is the decision of the APHA Inspector with supporting evidence from a veterinary assessment for whether quarantine is required. Release from quarantine is the responsibility of the Veterinary Superintendent of the quarantine premises. The Local Authority may also carry out further investigation.

- “Who is the Veterinary Superintendent for Dover?”

There is no Veterinary Superintendent for Dover Port. A Veterinary Superintendent is aligned to a quarantine premises.

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.

An Annex is attached 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. 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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