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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about the importation of Order Carnivora-Family Canidae-Tribe Vulpini's, which we received on 14 September 2016. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

"Can you please supply the following information:

1. How many general authorisations, if any, under IMP/GEN/2014/04 and/or IMP/GEN/10112 have been issued since January 2015 for the importation from third countries of any animal by-product from the Order Carnivora-Family Canidae-Tribe Vulpini ?

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2. Have any specific authorisations/licences been issued since January 2015 for the importation of material as described in (1.) above from third countries?

Since January 2015 to 14 September 2016 (date of the request) we have issued one specific authorisation that expressly mentioned fox material in its scope. We

do not have any that have explicitly used the zoological name of Order Carnivora-Family Canidae-Tribe Vulpini.

3. For the purposes of Regulation (EC) 1069/ 2009 which category (as defined in Articles 8, 9 and 10) applies to material as described in (1.) above?"

At the point of issue of a specific authorisation under Trade in Animals & Related Products (TARP) we do not categorise the material, the exporter must supply a commercial document which specifies the category.

It is very rare that we would consider material from carnivore as Cat1 unless:

- when suspected of being infected with diseases communicable to humans or animals;
- animal by-products containing residues of other substances and environmental contaminants listed in Group B(3) of Annex I to Directive 96/23/EC, if such residues exceed the permitted level laid down by Community legislation or, in the absence thereof, by national legislation.

In the majority of cases of samples from carnivores, we would expect the samples to be category 2.

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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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