



{By Email}

Our Ref: ATIC0932

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Dear [REDACTED]

### PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your clarified request for information about lion trophies, 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:

“How many lion trophies have been brought into the UK since 2000?

What did they consist of? (skins, heads etc)”

Please see below the number of import permits, in relation to hunting trophies for lions – “*Panthera leo*”, brought into the United Kingdom, and what they consisted of:

Year	Number of import permits	What they consisted of
2000	0	N/A
2001	3 - all *returned used	1 skull and skin 1 skull 1 rug mount
2002	0	N/A
2003	0	N/A
2004	2 - all *returned used	1 rug mount 1 skull
2005	0	N/A
2006	0	N/A
2007	0	N/A
2008	0	N/A
2009	0	N/A
2010	0	N/A

2011	0	N/A
2012	0	N/A
2013	0	N/A
2014	0	N/A
2015	19 – all *returned used	8 skulls 3 skins 4 shoulder mounts 2 full body mounts 1 for set claws 1 for two feet
2016	4 issued none yet returned used	2 full body mounts 2 skull and cape

\*‘Returned used’ is confirmed imports.

Import permits for hunting trophies for lions (*Panthera leo*) have only been required since 2015. Before this date there would have been no requirement to have United Kingdom import permits as these items would have been considered personal effects. Therefore the figures prior to this date in the table above are what APHA have recorded and may not reflect the actual imports.

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Yours sincerely

**ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM**

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