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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about plant imports under CITES, which we received on 21 November 2016. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“Could you please help provide an indication of the number of plant imports that have been processed for import into the UK from Mexico and how many CITES import permits have been provided for this purpose from 1997 to 2015.

Please indicate how many of these were for cacti and how many different species of these were imported if possible.”

The information regarding CITES imports of cacti from Mexico to the United Kingdom between 1997 and 2014, has been withheld under Section 21 of the FOIA. Section 21 relates to information that is accessible to the applicant by other means. All CITES trade can be accessed from the CITES Trade Database here: <https://trade.cites.org/>

The information on this database is not up to date and may not show a complete picture for 2015. Therefore, APHA have searched its records and can confirm that for 2015 we have had no returned used CITES import permits for any live plants (including cacti) directly from, or originating in Mexico.

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Yours sincerely

ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM

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Annex

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