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{By Email}

Our Ref: ATIC0965

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Dear [REDACTED]

## PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about Dutch Livestock Transporters which we received on 31 October 2016. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“Under the Fol Act 2000, please can DEFRA/APHA provide details on the following 2 livestock trucks witnessed on UK roads during October, 2016.

1. Truck owned by, Dutch transporter ‘Drost’, with cab registration BZ XL 08 sighted on Saturday, 8th October 2016. Please can you confirm:

I. The species of animal being transported.

Cattle.

II. The age and sex of the animals being transported.

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you have requested is not held by APHA. The only information APHA hold on this vehicle can be found on the attached import notification (Appendix 1). The notification does not include details of the age and sex of the animals being transported.

III. Place of Loading. If unable to provide the address of the loading premises, please provide the country.

Germany.

IV. Place of final destination. If unable to provide the address, please provide the county and country.

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you have requested is not held by APHA. The only information APHA hold on this vehicle can be found on the attached import notification (Appendix 1). The notification does not include details of the final destination.

- V. If animals were for Breeding, fattening or slaughter.

Breeding.

- 2 Truck owned by, Dutch transporter 'Drost', registration unknown. Sighted on Friday, 21st October 2016 at approx. 21:00 in the Dover area of Kent. If you are able to find records on this vehicle please can you confirm:

- I. The species of animal being transported.
- II. The age and sex of the animals being transported.
- III. Place of Loading. If unable to provide the address of the loading premises, please provide the country.
- IV. Place of final destination. If unable to provide the address, please provide the county and country.
- V. If animals were for Breeding, fattening or slaughter.

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you have requested cannot be identified by APHA. The details supplied here are not sufficient to enable us to trace records of the specific transport.

If there is paperwork that can be disclosed to the public, under the FoI Act, 2000, regarding these two journeys, please can DEFRA/APHA provide them in their response.”

Please see Appendix 1 attached for all the paperwork APHA hold regarding vehicle BZ XL 08.

Information has been redacted under Section 38 of the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

Section 38 refers to the exemption from the duty to provide information if it would, or would be likely to affect anyone's health or safety.

We recognise that there is a general presumption in favour of transparency and openness concerning our work, and providing the general public with the right to request access to information held by public authorities.

We also recognise that there is a public interest in disclosure of this specific information in order to increase this transparency and aid well-informed debates concerning the welfare and transportation of animals, and the individuals associated with them.

However, we feel that there is a stronger public interest in withholding the information regarding fax and telephone numbers as it would, or would be likely to, endanger the health and safety of staff in accordance with the Act. This poses a substantial risk to the health and safety of individuals associated with the transportation of animals that would be of significant severity and is likely to occur in some cases. We consider this to be a significant factor in favour of maintaining the exemption.

APHA has balanced the real threat to the health and safety of individuals which disclosure of the requested information would be likely to cause, against the public interest arguments in favour of disclosure. In this instance the APHA does not consider that disclosing the information requested in order to inform public debate and to promote accountability and transparency would justify the risk to individuals' health and safety.

Information disclosed in response to this FOI request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOIA 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.

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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If you wish to request an internal review, please contact: The Access to Information Team at [enquiries@apha.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@apha.gsi.gov.uk) or at the postal address at the top of this letter, who will arrange for an internal review of your case.

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Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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APPENDIX 1



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**Check list for livestock shipments to Dover**

Date: 08/10/16

Vehicle Registration: BZXLO8 / OL38PX

Name of Company: Drost transport

Vehicle type:

Lorry	( )	Truck/trailer
Van	( )	
Car	( )	
Car + Trailer	( )	(Please tick as appropriate)
Coach	( )	

Type of Animal (eg. Sheep): Breeding Cattle X

Number (if known) (eg. 200): x 34 From Germany

Name of Vessel: Spirit of Britain

SAILING TIME (local): 02.40 ETA Dover 03.10

**PLEASE FAX THIS SHEET TO DOVER ANIMAL HEALTH OFFICE ON [REDACTED]**

In the event of any queries please telephone the office on [REDACTED]

Many thanks for your assistance.

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