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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about import figures for 2015, which we received on 2 February 2016. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“Last year APHA very kindly sent me statistics for the total number of cats, dogs and ferrets imported to the UK under the Pet Travel Scheme (non-commercially) for the period 2011-2014. I'm currently updating the information that includes these statistics and would be very grateful if you could provide me with a figure for 2015 - the whole year, ideally, or numbers for as many months of 2015 that are available. (For reference, the latest figure that I have is for 2014 in which a total of 170,659 cats, dogs and ferrets were imported to the UK and I only need an aggregate figure so wouldn't need it to be broken down by species.)”

The total number of cats, dogs and ferrets imported to Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) under the Pet Travel Scheme imported in 2015 is 179745.

APHA do not have access to full UK data, as any pets imported directly to Northern Ireland would be recorded by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD).

APHA cannot guarantee the accuracy of this data as we can only rely on the information input into the database by the approved pet carriers (ferry companies, airlines etc.)

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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