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Dear [REDACTED]

## **PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION**

Thank you for your two requests for information about live animal exports which we received on 8 July 2016. Your requests have been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

### Request 1:

“Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I request information as follows:

1, The number of pigs and cattle exported live from the UK (England, Wales, Scotland) in 2015, along with details of destination country and (where/if available) reason for export eg slaughter or breeding 2, The same information for 2016 so far eg January 2016 - July 2016 3, The same information for 2014, 2013, 2012

If relevant information is held please include departure port(s)”

### Request 2:

“Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I request information as follows:

1, The number of sheep exported live from the UK (England, Wales, Scotland) in 2015, along with details of destination country and (where/if available) reason for export eg slaughter or breeding 2, The same information for 2016 so far eg January 2016 - July 2016 3, The same information for 2014, 2013, 2012

If relevant information is held please include departure port(s)”

Please see attached at Appendix 1 the figures for the number of sheep, pigs and cattle exported live from the United Kingdom for the period 2012 to 8 July 2016 (date of the request). This includes the destination country.

This information was taken from the EU TRAdE Control and Expert System (TRACES) Data WareHouse reporting tool.

The information relating to the number of sheep, pigs and cattle exported for a particular reason has been withheld as it falls under section 12 of the FOIA, which relates to the cost of compliance exceeding the appropriate limit.

In addition the information relating to the number of sheep, pigs and cattle exported from a particular port has also been withheld as it falls under section 12 of the FOIA.

APHA want to be as open as possible in answering requests. This part of your request would require gathering information that would involve a significant cost and diversion of resources from APHA's other work. To supply you with the requested information we would have to collate information from two local data sources and obtain additional information from TRACES by:

- obtaining details of the purpose for export (breeding, fattening/production, slaughter) on all individual export consignments from one local data source (this information cannot be ascertained from the TRACES Data WareHouse reporting tool)
- obtaining details of ports of departure, where this information is available, from a second local data source
- verifying the numbers of animals for each export consignment on TRACES.

The information from these different systems would then need to be collated into one single record to enable APHA to provide you with this data.

Section 12(1) of the FOIA allows us to refuse a request for information if we estimate that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit, which currently stands at £600.

On the basis of our estimates, we consider that the cost would exceed this limit and, as such, we are refusing your request.

You may be interested in the following links to livestock export datasets that APHA have published on the Data.GOV.UK website as part of the Defra Open Data Programme:

<https://data.gov.uk/dataset/livestock-exports-2014>

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

Email: [enquiries@apha.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@apha.gsi.gov.uk)

## **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.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please note that generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted APHA's own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
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SK9 5AF

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **Number of Sheep Exported from England, Scotland and Wales**

<b>Country</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Austria	8	6	53	0	0
Belgium	7292	4739	4922	1381	7
Switzerland	74	48	55	51	0
Czech Republic	2	0	8	0	4
Germany	3451	3295	1912	591	4215
Denmark	0		2	0	1
Estonia	0	30	15	0	0
France	21893	35670	23111	21269	1160
National Trade*	8108	7574	8721	8007	4330
Ireland	456	91	141	761	402
Italy	18	360	32	45	22
Lithuania	0	41	0	25	0
Latvia	0	1	97	0	0
Malta	0	0	4	0	0
Netherlands	14574	9522	6324	4436	818
Poland	0	0	0	5	0
Portugal	2	0	0	6	0
Romania	0	367	30	12	0
Slovakia	0	0	0	0	0

\*National Trade are exports from Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) to Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands.

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### **Number of Cattle Exported from England, Scotland and Wales**

<b>Country</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Austria	8	18	0	1	0
Belgium	59	29	15	36	30
Switzerland	47	11	0	0	22
Czech Republic	12	5	56	2	9
Germany	246	175	187	91	177
Denmark	1	3	11	6	0
Estonia	95	47	40	0	3
Spain	4020	975	946	25	337
Finland	10	0	0	0	3
France	1598	232	526	235	148
National Trade*	3675	2380	5209	3996	2770
Hungary	2	7	0	67	0
Ireland	1370	265	279	392	720
Italy	132	7	10	147	10
Lithuania	0	0	0	0	73
Latvia	0	0	0	0	16
Luxembourg	2	0	0	1	0
Malta	0	0	9	0	0
Netherlands	33	66	36	13	3
Poland	0	0	6	5	0
Portugal	42	48	0	0	0
Romania	47	217	98	132	171
Slovakia	4	15	0	0	2

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### **Number of Pigs Exported from England, Scotland and Wales**

<b>Country</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Belgium	319	9	52	949	449
Bulgaria	0	40	255	3	142
Switzerland	0	2	0	0	0
Cyprus	0	0	0	40	0
Czech Republic	3	0	10	1	2
Germany	150	57	20	0	44
Denmark	0	64	23	5	0
Spain	653	1481	513	197	0
Finland	2	0	0	0	0
France	52	244	97	55	19
National Trade*	60	217	297	86	148
Croatia	0	0	53	0	0
Greece	0	37	0	0	0
Hungary	15	120	29	11	12
Ireland	3	0	135	77	2
Italy	5	0	1171	15	19
Lithuania	56	255	27	39	0
Malta	529		123		0
Netherlands	14	18	42	40	0
Poland		39		16	0
Romania	50		968		0
Sweden	0	0	0	2	0
People's Republic of China	Not held	Not Held	5**	0	0
FYR Macedonia	Not held	Not Held	54	46	0
Vietnam	Not held	Not Held	44	0	0
Ukraine	Not held	Not Held	113	0	0

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Ghana	Not held	Not Held	0	1**	24
Nigeria	Not held	Not Held	0	51	54

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\*\*Figure shows number of consignments and not number of animals exported. APHA do not routinely record the number of animals exported on a Third Country Export Health Certificate (EHC) which was not accompanied by an EU transit Intra Trade Animal Health Certificate (ITAHC) on TRACES.

APHA data retention period for EHC information is two years plus the current calendar year. Third Country export data is therefore no longer held for the calendar years 2012 and 2013.