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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about live animal exports which we received on 14 March 2017. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“Using Freedom of Information Law (FOI Act 2000) I request the following information as recorded by APHA:

1, Between September 2016 and March 2017 the number of consignments of live farm animals destined for export inspected by APHA officials at the port of Dover

The number of inspections carried out by APHA Inspectors between 1 September 2016 and 14 March 2017 (date of your request), at the port of Dover were as follows:

- Horses – 72 consignments were checked during 21 inspections
- Cattle – 4 consignments were checked during 3 inspections
- Sheep – 1 consignment was checked during 1 inspection
- Pigs – 2 consignments were checked during 1 inspection
- Goats – no consignments were checked.

The number of consignments represents the number of individual export health certificates on which animal(s) were certified on vehicles inspected.

2, The number of consignments of live farm animals in this period where inspectors issued enforcement notices WIT08 or WIT09, with the reason - e.g. details of non-compliances found - and species of livestock involved.

During the period 1 September 2016 and 14 March 2017 (date of your request), APHA inspectors issued 16 WIT08 or WIT09 notices as follows:

- i. Horses – 9 notices served for the following reasons:

- transporting unregistered horses on a long journey without a Journey Log and vehicle with no navigation system,
- no transporter authorisation and vehicle approval (5 notices served for this reason),
- no vehicle approval,
- driver unable to produce a certificate of competence,
- horses travelling on ro/ro ferry and not individually partitioned. Driver unable to produce a certificate of competence, and 1 horse not fit for transport.

ii. Sheep – 7 notices served for the following reasons:

- no Journey Log and insufficient headroom,
- vehicle not adequately cleansed and disinfected prior to commencement of loading,
- tailgate raising/lowering system to be repaired once vehicle unloaded
- fan not working,
- driver unable to produce certificate of competence (2 notices served for this reason),
- no way of visually checking the water level in the tank.

3, The number of consignments of live farm animals in this period where some or all of the livestock were refused for loading, and ET45 forms issued, along with the reason”

Please note APHA have no record of ET45 forms, the forms used when rejecting animals to travel are ET54 forms.

During the period 1 September 2016 and 14 March 2017 (date of your request), Official Veterinarians returned 58 ET54's to APHA where animals were rejected as not eligible to travel.

In accordance with Section 1(1)(a) of the FOIA, we confirm that we hold some of the data requested regarding the reasons for rejection. This is because when completing an ET54 the Official Veterinarian is not required to certify the reason an animal was rejected.

After checking approximately 500 ET54 forms during the requested period the following reasons were found to be recorded:

- dead
- lame
- too many presented for loading
- not presented for export
- not tagged
- Genotype ARR/AHQ
- Male uncastrated. No Brucella Ovis test performed within 30 days.

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Yours sincerely

ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM

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