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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 2 October 2017. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

1. "During the year 2016 how many random roadside or portal checks were made in respect of farm animal road transport in excess of 7.5 tonnes?"

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information that you have requested here is not held by the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA). This is because we do not record the weight of vehicles.

However, there were 101 vehicles that underwent a portal check by an APHA inspector in 2016.

2. Were any checks made which were anything other than random apart from assessing new vehicles for compliance with road transport legislation?

APHA carry out proportional risk based portal checks on consignments of farm animals being imported or exported as part of an economic activity and complete Quality Assurance checks to ensure compliance with Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005.

APHA do not carry out checks on vehicles to ensure compliance with road transport legislation.

Defra designate their long journey road vehicle approval and inspection to the Freight Transport Association, SAI Global UK Assurances Ltd and NSF Certification UK Ltd. More details can be found on the GOV.UK website at the enclosed link under the heading 'Vehicle inspection and approval scheme': <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/animal-welfare#animal-welfare-during-transport>

3. Of the vehicles checked what proportion were loaded with animals and what proportion were empty?

All vehicles that underwent a portal check had animals on board. APHA do not carry out checks on empty vehicles.

4. Of all the checks made, how many resulted in notices of regulatory infringements being issued and were any prosecutions forthcoming?

APHA served notices on 14 vehicles where a non-compliance was found during a portal check.

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the remaining information that you have requested here is not held by APHA. This is because we do not carry out prosecutions as this is done by the Local Authority.

5. What were the results of any prosecutions?"

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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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