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{By Email}

Our Ref: ATIC1248

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Dear [REDACTED]

## **PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION**

Thank you for your request for information about RBCT data which we received on 24 January 2018. Your request has been handled under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“Please email to me in a CSV file the following details for every culled badger for which a date of death was recorded during the RBCT from 1998 to 2005. If a detail is not applicable or available, please indicate why.

A. APHA's badger identification

B. date of death

C. date chilling started

D. date freezing started

E. date of necropsy

F. date of culture

G. RBCT triplet (A-J)

H. Cull type (reactive/proactive)

I. Necropsy Lab ID

J. Culture Lab ID

K. TB was detected (0/1)

If TB was detected in more than one way, please specify.”

Please see Appendix 1 for the data you have requested. Where the fields are blank this means the information is not recorded with the Animal and Plant Health Agency. This is because they were not electronically captured. Therefore for the information falls under Regulation 12(4)(a) of the EIRs, which relates to information not held at the time when an applicant's request is received.

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