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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about livestock exports which we received on 7 February 2018. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“From and including 2015 to date;

The number of livestock transported from Scotland to other areas within the UK.

The Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) is an Executive Agency of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. For your FOI request, APHA holds records of the transportation of livestock that originated from premises in Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales).

APHA only produce export information for Great Britain (England Scotland and Wales).

Information for Northern Ireland should be requested from the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs: <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/>

Additionally APHA retention policy for export data is two years therefore we do not hold data in relation to 2015.

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the number of livestock transported from Scotland to other areas within GB is not held by APHA.

Cattle movement in Great Britain is recorded by the British Cattle Movement Service who can be contacted here:

bcms-enquiries@bcms.rpa.gsi.gov.uk

The number of livestock transported from Scotland to areas outwith the UK (including livestock transported to other areas within the UK who are subsequently transported to areas outwith the UK).

The number of livestock transported from Scotland to Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands in 2016, 2017 and 1 January 2018 to 7 February 2018 (date of the request) was 52,916.

The number of livestock transported from Scotland to EU countries in 2016, 2017 and 1 January 2018 to 7 February 2018 (date of the request) was 22,383.

The number of livestock transported from Scotland to third countries in 2016, 2017 and 1 January 2018 to 7 February 2018 (date of the request) was 11.

The areas to which these livestock are transported.

The areas to which these livestock were transported between 2016 and 7 February 2018 (date of your request) were:

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Hungary, Isle of Man, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Northern Ireland, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Ireland, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and United Arab Emirates.

For what purpose the livestock is transported.

The purposes of the livestock being transported between 2016 and 7 February 2018 (date of your request) were:

Breeding, production/fattening and slaughter.

A breakdown of species included."

A breakdown of species included were:

Sheep = 35,791

Cattle = 21,633

Goats = 58

Pigs = 17,817

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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

Email: enquiries@apha.gsi.gov.uk

Annex

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