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Dear

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about which we received on 03 March 2018. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

'I ask you to please confirm the number of sheep exported from GB in 2016 and 2017 together with the number of sheep exported from Northern Ireland to EU countries other than ROI also in 2016 and 2017.'

The Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) issues Export Health Certificates (EHC) for animals and products of animal origin exported from Great Britain.

For exports from Northern Ireland the relevant authority must be contacted – please follow the link to the website for the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs: https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/

In 2016 there were a total of 56,998 sheep exported from Great Britain to Member States of the European Union

In 2017 there were a total of 25,705 sheep exported from Great Britain to Member States of the European Union

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Yours sincerely

ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM

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Annex

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