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{By Email}

Our Ref: ATIC1314

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Dear [Redacted]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about live Pig, Cattle and Sheep exports for 2016 and 2017 which we received on 10 April 2018 Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“Further to the call for evidence for a potential ban on the live export of animals for slaughter after Brexit launched by Environment Secretary Michael Gove. Please would you now be kind enough to provide any information that you have on the number of live pig exports and live sheep exports from Great Britain in 2016 and 2017?

If it is possible to distinguish between animals intended for slaughter, and animals intended for breeding, then please do, and in that case could I also extend the request to include cattle again. Apologies for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Sorry... please could I also request information on numbers of live imported for cattle, sheep and pigs in 2016 and 2017. Again if a distinction can be made as to the purpose then that would be very much appreciated.”

The tables below list the Pigs, Cattle and Sheep exported and imported live from Great Britain in 2016 and 2017 for the purposes of breeding or slaughter:

2016 – Exports

Animal	Breeding	Slaughter
Cattle	3459	68
Pigs	1885	0
Sheep	5124	5171

2017 Exports

Animal	Breeding	Slaughter
Cattle	4407	6940
Pigs	3094	16590
Sheep	13102	7321

2016 – Imports

Animal	Breeding	Slaughter
Cattle	29655	17282
Pigs	4212	401731
Sheep	77100	83870

2017 - Imports

Animal	Breeding	Slaughter
Cattle	40243	17647
Pigs	3668	444244
Sheep	64524	4571

The information provided in the tables is an accurate reflection of the information APHA has access to. APHA cannot guarantee the accuracy of the data as APHA rely on the information that has been placed into the Trade Control and Expert System (TRACES) by a third party.

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Yours sincerely

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Annex

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