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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about live animal imports which we received on 30 May 2018. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

'Please provide me with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act, with regard to the following vehicles which were transporting live animals into the UK, arriving at the port of Dover on Tuesday May 29th 2018:

1. EA 970 DD
2. CD 189 RS

Please provide:

1. Copies by email of all paperwork including journey plans for the animals transported.
2. Details of the species carried.
3. The purpose of their importation.
4. Place of origin and the UK county to which they were transported.
5. The total number of hours travelled including any rest stops.
6. Details of any animals which did not survive transportation.'

The Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) can access information for species of animals that require a health certificate through TRACES (Trade Control and Expert System) which is a European Commission system employed by EU member states to facilitate and record animal/animal product movements into and throughout the EU. APHA do not hold records for species of animals moving into Great Britain from the EU which do not require a health certificate under harmonised EU requirements.

Any paperwork required for animal movements into Great Britain from the EU is issued by the authorities in the country of origin rather than APHA. The enclosed information

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was extracted from TRACES by searching for the vehicle identification as recorded by the authorities in the country of origin. It is not a requirement for the vehicle registration to be recorded on TRACES at the point of certification and we cannot usually guarantee the accuracy of the information being provided to you. However, on this occasion some information has been recorded and any information attached relates to certificates with the vehicle identification CD 189 RS. APHA could not locate any records for vehicle identification EA 970 DD within the estimated departure timescale.

Animal movements into Great Britain from EU countries are not checked on entry. As only the date and time of departure and estimated journey times are recorded on TRACES and not the date or port of entry. We have estimated which consignments may have entered the UK on 29 May 2018. However we cannot guarantee that these animals did enter through Dover port on this date.

All consignments identified were movements of game birds. As these species of animals do not require a journey plan or rest stops we are not able to provide this information. Any reference to journey times in the enclosed information is the estimated journey time recorded on TRACES, and APHA cannot guarantee the accuracy of this information.

Field I.29 is the estimated journey time is for the whole of the journey from I.14 Place of Loading to I.13 Place of Destination. The estimated journey time is an auto-calculation made by TRACES and is based on an average speed being maintained during the journey by a road vehicle. TRACES does not auto-calculate/adjust to account for sea crossings, or mandatory rest periods during a journey in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005. This is an automated calculation by TRACES but can be overwritten during the creation of an ITAHC if the time does not accurately reflect the actual time the journey will take in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005.

An example entry in field I.29 of 13,80 hours would equate to 13 hours 48 minutes.

As these animals did not require a post-import check on entry or at destination, therefore APHA do not hold information regarding animals which did not survive transportation or hold copies of the original health certificate. As such all health certificates provided are the electronic version from TRACES.

Any information provided is a true reflection of the information that we have access to. We can't guarantee the accuracy of this data, as we can only rely on the information that has been entered into TRACES.

Importers should also notify APHA of their intention to bring animals to Great Britain.

We have attached copies of:

- Intra-trade certificates at Appendices 1 to 9

- Importer Notifications at Appendices 10 to 13
- Break down of import details at Appendix 14

Information in the attached Appendices has been redacted under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

Section 40

Some of the information contained within the requested documents has been withheld under section 40(2) of the FOIA as the information constitutes personal data relating to a third party. The FOIA provides that personal data relating to third parties is exempt information. The release of third party information, if disclosed, would also breach Article 5(f) of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) - Principles relating to processing of personal data.

APHA consider that disclosure of this information is likely to breach section 40(2) of the FOIA and Article 5(f) of the GDPR, which relates to appropriate security of personal data, including protection against unauthorized or unlawful processing. Therefore, we have concluded that this information is withheld.

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