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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

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

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

'On Thursday, 28th June. 2018 a convoy of transporters carrying live sheep left the Port of Ramsgate.

I am requesting copies of the inspection reports at the point of loading and at departure from Ramsgate.

[Please find attached appendices 1 to 5 which cover the inspection reports for convoy of transporters that left Ramsgate Port on the 28 June 2018.](#)

I would also like a copy of the plans in place should sheep be unfit to travel, at the port of Ramsgate.

[Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport Chapter III Article 11, 1\(b\) \(iv\) states that a duty of the Competent Authority when issuing long journey Transporter Authorisations is that there is "contingency plans in the event of emergencies". As the vehicles transporting the animals on 28th June 2018 were non-GB, APHA do not hold the plans. A request for this information should be made to the competent authority who granted the long journey transporter authorisation.](#)

[Article 22 of the aforementioned Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1/2005 states "If any consignment of animals has to be detained during transport for more than two hours, the competent authority shall ensure that appropriate arrangements are made for the care of the animals, and, where necessary, their feeding, watering, unloading and accommodation."](#)

As the Competent Authority, Defra holds a contract with a premises in the area that, in the eventuality that a delay occurs, the premises can be used in line with Article 22 for contingency purposes.

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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

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Annex

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