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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information on the movement of gamebirds which we received on 29 October 2018. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

1. 'Statistics outlining the number of pheasants, partridges and eggs of these species imported into the UK for game shooting, for each of the years 2015 – 2018.
2. Statistics outlining the number of pheasants, partridges and eggs of these species exported from the UK for game shooting, for each of the years 2015 – 2018.
3. Copies of importation certificates, journey logs and related paperwork – including the starting and finishing destination – relating to the transport of pheasant and partridge chicks and eggs for shooting through the Port of Dover by vehicles with the (French) registration plates BR-104-QB, EA-970-DD, CD-189-RS between February and July 2018.
4. Copies of export certificates, journey logs and related paperwork – including the starting and finishing destination – relating to the transport of pheasant and partridge chicks and eggs for shooting through the Port of Holyhead, between February and July 2018.'

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.

The enclosed information was extracted from TRACES by searching for pheasants and partridges certified for the purpose of game re-stocking for the years 2015 to 2018 for import and export.

APHA are unable to identify any consignments for pheasant and partridge eggs as these cannot be certified for the purpose of game re-stocking as this is not an option on certification therefore it is not possible to know if eggs have gone for this purpose.

Import Data 2015-2018					
Country Of Destination	Year	Purpose	Species	Total	
United Kingdom	2015	Game restocking	Alectoris Spp	169880	
			Perdix Spp	3800	
			Phasianus Spp	64500	
			Game restocking Total		238180
	2015 Total	Grand		238180	
	2016	Game restocking	Alectoris Spp	335770	
			Phasianus Spp	10500	
			Game restocking Total		346270
		2016 Total	Grand		346270
	2017	Game restocking	Alectoris Spp	280734	
			Game restocking Total		280734
		2017 Total	Grand		280734
	2018	Game restocking	Alectoris Spp	42708	
			Phasianus Spp	11000	
			Game restocking Total		53708
		2018 Total	Grand		53708
United Kingdom Total				918892	
GRAND TOTAL				918892	

Export Data 2015-2018				
Country Of Destination	Year	Purpose	Species	Total
France	2015	Game restocking	Phasianus Spp	1500
		Game restocking Total		1500
	2016	Game restocking	Phasianus Spp	8820
		Game restocking Total		8820
	2018	Game restocking	Phasianus Spp	4800
		Game restocking Total		4800
France Grand Total				15120
Ireland	2015	Game restocking	Phasianus Spp	53667
		Game restocking Total		53667
	2016	Game restocking	Phasianus Spp	52445
		Game restocking Total		52445
	2017	Game restocking	Alectoris Spp	900
			Phasianus Spp	91750
		Game restocking Total		92650
	2018	Game restocking	Alectoris Spp	180
			Phasianus Spp	88618
		Game restocking Total		88798
Ireland Grand Total				287560
Italy	2015	Game restocking	Phasianus Spp	19800
		Game restocking Total		19800
	2016	Game restocking	Phasianus Spp	27428
		Game restocking Total		27428
	2018	Game restocking	Phasianus Spp	5000
		Game restocking Total		5000
Italy Grand Total				52228
GRAND TOTAL				354908

APHA could not find any records for vehicle identification registration plates BR-104-QB, EA-970-DD, and CD-189-RS between February and July 2018 relating to the transport of pheasants, partridges, and their eggs as recorded for the purpose of game re-stocking by the authorities in the country of origin. As it is not a requirement for the vehicle registration to be recorded on TRACES at the point of certification we cannot provide further information.

All consignments identified were movements of game birds. As these species of animals do not require a journey log or rest stops and it is not mandatory to record the port of entry/exit on TRACES, APHA are not able to identify consignments imported through the Port of Dover or exported through the Port of Holyhead.

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

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Yours sincerely

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