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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information live animal imports which we received on 26 November 2018. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“FOI Freedom of Information Request - Live animal export via Ramsgate Port Friday 23 November 2018 UKZ 4562

I am requesting under this FOI. The loading and inspection reports together with the Ramsgate Portal APHA inspection report including time of first Calf loading, on the following listed Transporter.

[Please see attached at Appendix 1 and 2, the requested WIT forms.](#)

In addition I am requesting the number of persons registered under the APHA inspection as a licenced driver or licenced attendant for this Transporter.

[One driver was noted by APHA inspectors attending the loading on the enclosed WIT32.](#)

I am also requesting confirmation that the driver was instructed by the APHA Portal team to raise the headroom on the third tier. And confirmation that in order to fit on the Joline this roof level was immediately reduced ? If this was the case what action was taken against the transporter Driver for compromising Animal welfare throughout the sea crossing , against APHA Inspector advice?

[Details of action taken can be found on the enclosed WIT59](#)

And will this trailer be banned from future Cross channel crossings on joline on Animal Welfare grounds, if it is unable to comply with its height limitations whilst carrying livestock.

I am also questioning the suitability of this Livestock vessel Joline for the carriage of such three or four tier Transporters if Livestock welfare is compromised. A quote from the APHA inspection report of a livestock transporter on 8 November 2018. " 228 weaned calves loaded on 08/11/2018. Larger calves put on top deck to allow for adequate head room and floor space. Smaller calves split between two lower decks. Milk/Water feed buckets provided for each deck/pen."

The Livestock vessel Mv Joline holds an approval to transport livestock. Any queries relating to this transporter authorisation should be directed to the authorities in the Netherlands where the authorisation is held.

TransporterUKZ4562"

Information has been redacted under Section 38(1), Section 40(2), read in conjunction with 40(3)(a)(i) of the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

Section 38

Section 38(1) refers to the exemption from the duty to provide information if it would, or would be likely to affect anyone's health or safety.

The exemption in Section 38(1) is subject to a Public Interest Test to ensure it is being appropriately applied.

Public Interest Test

We recognise that there is a general presumption in favour of transparency and openness concerning our work, and providing the general public with the right to request access to information held by public authorities.

We also recognise that there is a public interest in disclosure of this specific information in order to increase this transparency and aid well-informed debates concerning the welfare and transportation of animals, and the individuals associated with them.

However, we feel that there is a stronger public interest in withholding the information as the full addresses, including the county of origin, the destination and/or rest stops, transporter details and individual names would identify further information and would, or would be likely to, endanger the health and safety of individuals and staff. This poses a substantial risk to the health and safety of individuals associated with the transportation

of animals that would be of significant severity and is likely to occur in some cases. We consider this to be a significant factor in favour of maintaining the exemption.

APHA has balanced the real threat to the health and safety of individuals which disclosure of the requested information would be likely to cause, against the public interest arguments in favour of disclosure. In this instance the APHA does not consider that disclosing the information requested in order to inform public debate and to promote accountability and transparency would justify the risk to individuals' health and safety.

Section 40

Some of the information contained within the requested documents have been withheld under section 40(2), read in conjunction with 40(3)(a)(i) (third party personal data), of the FOIA as the information constitutes personal data relating to a third party. Section 40(2), read in conjunction with 40(3)(a)(i), of the FOIA provides that personal data relating to third parties is exempt information if disclosure would breach the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA).

APHA consider that disclosure of this information is likely to breach the first data protection principle in Schedule 1 of the DPA, which relates to the fair and lawful processing of personal data, in two ways. First, disclosure would not constitute 'fair' processing of the personal data, second, disclosure would not satisfy any of the conditions for data processing set out in Schedule 2 to the DPA. Therefore, we have concluded that this information is exempt from disclosure under section 40 of the FOIA.

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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